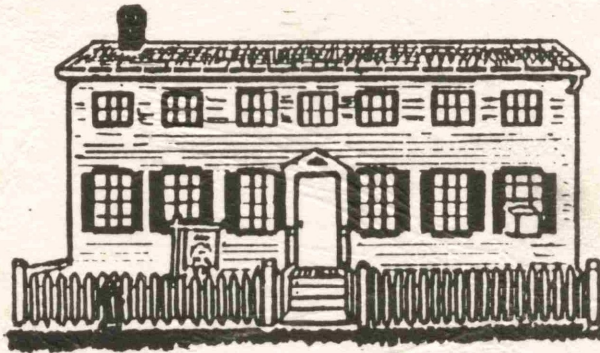


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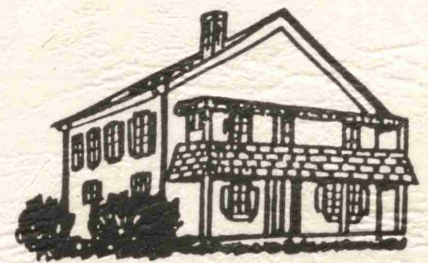
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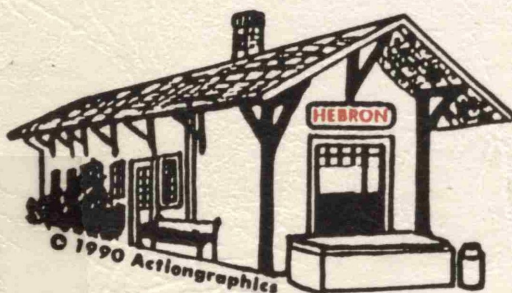
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Hebron's town flag was designed in 1984 by 13 year old Leslie Morrow. Hers was selected from a field of 40 entries in the flag-design contest. She received a \$100 savings bond donated by 1st National Bank. The flag was sewn by local artist Peggy Longawa.

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HISTORY OF HEBRON & BOONE TOWNSHIP

The history of Hebron is intertwined with that of Boone Township. For this reason, both will be mentioned here. The land in Boone Township was opened for settlement by virtue of a treaty between the United States Government and the Pottawattomie Indians in 1832. In the early spring of 1835, Judge Jesse Johnson, first judge of Porter County Probate Court, with his family became the first white settlers in Boone Township. He was closely followed by the Isaac Cornell family who settled on land east of Hebron. The Simeon Bryant family followed, settling on land one and one half miles south of Hebron. Names of families arriving from 1835-1837 included Absalom Morris, Solomon Dilley, James Dilley, John and Hugh Dinwiddie, John Moore, Orris Jewett, Barkley and John Oliver, Amos Andrews, E.W. Palmer, T.C. Sweney and David Dinwiddie.

The first white native of Boone Township was born on April 16, 1837. She was Margaret J. Bryant, daughter of Simeon Bryant. The first school house was built of logs in 1837. During this time, several worship groups were started. One of those groups was responsible for Hebron's name. The Bethlehem Church of Associate Reform Presbyterians was organized on July 28th, 1838, by a Rev. Hannan. The members of that congregation later changed their name from Bethlehem to Hebron.

Boone Township was at first a beautiful prairie, interspersed with fine groves. One of these groves covered the site of Hebron, and was about two and one half miles in length by three-fourths of a mile in width. About one-half mile south of Hebron was an Indian village which was named "Indian Town" by the white settlers. Hebron, originally known as "The Corners", was located where it is because of the fact that two roads crossed at its location. The first log house was erected by a Mr. Bagley in 1845. John Alyea laid out three one acre lots in 1844. Later he built a blacksmith shop on one of these, one he sold to Mr. Palmer and the other to Mr. McCune. The second house was built in 1846 by Samuel Alyea and was the first store.

The first frame building was built in 1849 by Mr. McCune. In this building Mr. McCune established the "Tavern" which was operated after him by Tazwell Rice, Harvey Allen, and John Skelton. Later it was sold to George Mosier and used for a dwelling. In 1936, it was owned by William Schleman and used as a dwelling and station for ice and dairy products by Mr. Clark. Later it housed a shoe repair business and beauty parlor, a-

mong other things. The first brick building was built by Daniel Sigler for a dwelling in the north part of town in 1867. The second brick was built by Sweeney & Son as a business block in 1875. It contained the town hall and was referred to as Sweeney Hall.

The Rev. Hannon referred to earlier was succeeded in 1845 by Rev. Blain. Rev. Blain circulated a petition for a postoffice which was established within a year. He succeeded in getting the post office named after his congregation. The post office was called Hebron. In 1849, Mr. James had a tier of half-acre lots laid out on Section 14, on a street south and east of "The Corners". In 1852, the Sigler Brothers laid out a tier west of "The Corners", on the south side of the street on Section 15. A few years later they laid out a tier south of their first one. In 1864, the Sigler Brothers laid out a large plat of lots on Section 10, 11, and 15. In 1855, Patrick's Addition on the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 10 was established.

In 1863, a new era in Hebron was established with the construction of the Pittsburgh, Chicago, and St. Louis Railroad, otherwise known as the "Panhandle". The Civil War, no doubt, served as an impetus for its completion. The railroad made Hebron the gateway to the Grand Kankakee Marsh hunting area. An almost legendary accounting of that time and place was told by E.W. Irwin in his later years, and subsequently published in the Lake County Star of Feb. 9th, 1934. By the turn of the century, three passenger trains per day passed through Hebron on their way to Chicago. It was possible to board in the morning, go to Chicago and return by evening after transacting whatever business one had in Chicago. Those days are gone forever since the tracks have been taken up for almost a decade.

Commerce in Hebron grew rapidly after the Civil War. Merchants of that time included Fisher, Bryant, Dowd, Sigler, Morrow, Sweney, Brown, and Crawford. Other businessmen were Gus Wiggins, the blacksmith, John and Robert Wilson, the millers, David Hulbert, the creamery man, William Sweney, who ran a large hay pressing barn, Harrison Folsom, the brick maker, and Robert Kenney, the tile maker. In 1882, John Wilson was operating a steam powered flour mill on the site of the present Hebron High School.

During the 1870's, horses cost \$100-200, a house rented for \$5 to \$6 per month, a house and lot sold for \$1000, hogs sold for \$4 per hundred weight, corn and oats were 30 cents a bushel,

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buckwheat was 75 cents per bushel, school teachers earned \$35 per month and were voted on by the district they taught in, and interest cost 8 to 10 percent. Diseases of the time included scarlet fever, diphtheria, small pox, and consumption.

Significant events in the seventies included the horse disease of November, 1872-as many as 800 horses died in Chicago in one day. Oxen from the Hebron area were shipped to Chicago to fill the void. A great fire swept across the Kankakee Marsh to the southwest of Hebron in October of 1872 on the same day as the Chicago fire. On November 25th, 1890, a burglar broke into the Bryant, Dowd, and Co. store, and in the process of trying to enter a safe, started a fire which burned most of the west side of Main Street north of Sigler for one block.

The rapid growth of the town following the building of the railroad in 1863 caused some of the citizens to feel the need of incorporation. The first attempt in 1874 was unsuccessful as were two subsequent attempts. Another attempt was made on October 2, 1886, but contrary to popular belief, incorporation was not yet granted. The Porter County Commissioners did order an election on December 28th, 1889, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the voters resident in Hebron would assent to incorporation. They did, and the Commissioners granted Hebron town status on March 5th, 1890. A census taken on October 2, 1886, showed a population of 663.

Hebron's history would not be complete without mention of the draining of the Kankakee River Valley during the period from 1890 to 1923. The introduction of the floating steam powered dredge and the rail running dredge did more to change the character of the countryside around Hebron than any other event except the coming of the railroad and automobile. Several ditches were dug near Hebron with these dredging machines. Whole families lived aboard these machines as they slowly, but deliberately drained the marshes. The climax of the drainage effort was the construction of the Marble Powers Ditch or the straightening of the Kankakee River. An accounting of this project by G. Warren Phillips in his history of Hebron in 1936 is as follows: "By 1917, the keystone of the structure (drainage system) was moving onto Boone Township. At that time contractor R.H. McWilliams, Mattoon, Illinois, with his huge floating dredge and two auxiliary dredges reached the eastern township line and moved slowly down the river, double cut-

ting the great Marble Ditch ninety feet wide at the bottom and ten feet deep. Superintending the forward movement of the giant aquatic monster was Clifton J. Hobbs (later president of the Citizens's Bank, Hebron). An army of woodcutters moved ahead cutting a strip of the dense timber two hundred feet wide. As the huge machines moved forward great sawlogs were seized by the mammoth dippers, tossed like tooth picks to the side and buried by the mountain of dirt dug from the bottom of the ditch. Hundreds of thousands of board feet of fine hardwood lumber were buried as the price of progress in moving a million yards of Kankakee Valley dirt. Three huge barges each carrying fifty tons of coal were pulled up and down the river by tugs and furnished fuel for the steam engines of the excavators. Some idea of the size of the project and the completeness of the mechanical equipment could be seen in the fact that on the big floating dredge drinking water was made by condensing equipment and iced by mechanical ice makers. A generator furnished electricity for lights so operations continued on a 24 hour basis." Obviously, the Marble Powers Ditch destroyed one of the greatest hunting areas in the world, but it also created thousands of acres of farmland. Today, such a project would not happen.

About 1900, Albert Wilcox built the Hebron Opera House on the northwest corner of what is now Alyea and Main St. In 1912 the building burned. Also, in 1912, another fire burned off a large portion of the business district. In December, 1915, Dinsmore and Casebere opened the Elfland Theatre in the Masonic Building. It was the first movie house in Hebron. The power was furnished by a gasoline engine operating a dynamo. The Hebron Water Company was formed in January of 1914. Its directors were George W. Gidley, J.R. Wilson, and Olo E. Nichols. About the time the water system was completed, Charles Alyea began setting poles for the new electric system. World War I caused difficulty for the electric franchise and it collapsed. In 1920, W.A. Biele and Co. of Chicago secured the franchise and completed the electric system. Power was furnished by a dynamo run by a fifty horsepower gasoline engine. The system was under the supervision of Earl Hiatt, Allie Thatcher, and Edward Alyea. In 1922, the Biele Company sold the system to the Valparaiso Lighting company and that was then merged into the present Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

On May 26, 1917, a Cyclone entered Hebron, causing widespread damage to the north side of town. One twelve-year-old boy was killed and a

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man, E.B. Pratt, died one day later from injuries received during the storm. he was hit by a piece of lumber.

At the time of the writing of the 1936 history, Hebron had a population of 690 persons. One sentence at the conclusion of that history foretold of changes in Hebron's future--"Of recent years three has been a tendency for an increased number of people working in the Calumet district to establish residence here." That migration was slowed by World War II and given impetus by the baby boom after the war. Crest Knoll was the first large subdivision added after the war. Appearing in 1957, it covered 22 acres on the northwest corner of town. A short time later, Fairlane was added on the southwest side.



Taken July, 1911. Taller figure may be Robert S. Kenny

Local poet wrote about Hebron, Robert S. Kenny who was a resident and owned Hebron Clay Products Co.

My old home town where I was born
And did most of my living',
For that old town I'll toot my horn,
My sonnets I'll be given'.
I'll tell about the folks down there
Who smiled when I was cheerful,
With whom no others can compare,
Who wept when storms were fearful.
My old home town is not so large
As many others 'round us,
But they, real friendship there discharged
And somehow always found us."

The past twenty years have again been marked by an influx of new residents and businesses from the cities of neighboring Lake County. The maturation of the baby boomers and the easy access to the Calumet region provided by Interstate Highway 65 helped speed the transition of Hebron from a farming community to a "bedroom" community. In the seventies, Ganz Subdivision took over the development of the Frame subdivision on the west side, followed by the largest housing development Hebron has yet seen, Park Place subdivision, on the northwest side, providing housing for several hundred people in the form of single family dwellings and apartments. Several smaller housing developments were built around the unincorporated areas of Boone Township.

The Country Square Shopping Plaza was completed in 1980. Built on the eastern fringe of Park Place Subdivision, it created a new shopping district to the detriment of the downtown area. Its stores included Patz Supermarket, Ribordy Drugs (now Walgreens), Ben Franklin dime store, Dante's Restaurant, Fase's Appliances, a hardware store, and clothing store. Besides competing with one another for business, both the downtown area and the Country Square Plaza were faced with competition from the shopping malls in Merrillville.

Of late, downtown Hebron has seen a resurgence of business activity. Two financial institutions placed branches here-Northern Indiana Bank (now Gainer Bank) on South Main and Steel City Savings (now First Federal) on North Main. They join First National Bank (formerly Citizens Bank) which is located on west Sigler. A remodeled town hall, new fire station, post office, police station, and library help the downtown area attract commercial traffic. Adding to that are a newspaper, a busy restaurant, two auto parts stores, a legal office, telephone company headquarters, and several other businesses.

An economic downturn in the early 1980's drastically curtailed the housing boom, but the 1988 and 1989, new housing was again appearing on the northern edge of Park Place and along Boardwalk, just south of Country Square. In 1970, Hebron had 524 housing units. By 1980, there were 942. As of 1988, the population of Hebron was 2696.

THE PITTSBURGH, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD

The coming of the railroad in 1863 marked another milestone in improvement of communication and commerce with outside markets. Chicago was booming and readily accepted the wild game, animal furs, ginseng, and other of nature's bounty which the Hebron area had to offer.

A stockyard was established and cattle were shipped to Chicago. Beef and sheep, along with wild marsh hay helped make up the trains traveling west. The trains coming east brought hunters seeking the marshland camps for waterfowl shooting.

The "Panhandle" Railroad, beginning at Logansport had many ups and downs in its life and was delayed several times during its construction for lack of money. It was finally shepherded to completion by a helping hand from the Pennsylvania Railroad and became the Logansport Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. At one time Logansport had Pennsy trackage entering the yards from six different directions and was considered a transportation hub. The line through Hebron was intended to be a double track system from its inception and carried many heavy trains each way in its prime including coal and "reefers" of fruit and vegetables at high speed and at all hours of the day and night.

In the days of the steam locomotive, it was necessary to have refueling stops and water tanks at regular intervals. One such stop was approximately six miles east of Hebron. It gave employment to local people along with the gandy dancers or track repair men. As many as thirty community members were employed "workin on the railroad".

Along with the aforementioned products transported, soon came farmer's grain which required the construction of elevators and sidings. One elevator was located in Hebron and another at the present Aylesworth Switch site.

Two track systems seldom required split second "on time" performance, but maintaining communications with the following or preceding train was a must. Such communications required the local depot to be manned twenty four hours per day. Within measured distances of blocks, towers were established such as one at the west edge of Hebron, one at Main Street, and another at "Ay" or Aylesworth Switch five and one half miles east of Hebron with operators or Tower Men at each location 24 hours a day. Even with all that precaution, one finds a photo of a head

on collision east of Hebron in 1903.

In the 1920's, an automatic block system (battery powered) was installed, eliminating practically all tower men in the area--perhaps fifteen jobs. Before the signal automation, switch and signal lights were fueled by a wick in a font of lard oil or kerosene and inspected and filled each day by a maintainer who visited each signal daily on a three wheeled hand car pumped along the track by strong arms and shoulders.

In the 1930's, deaths at grade crossings increased and after much haggling between the Railroad and Town Board, electric flashing lights were installed at five crossings. Later, gates were added. This meant the demise of one job of manually holding a stop sign at the Main Street crossing from dawn to dusk when trains passed.

Oliver Weddle, a former operator at the Depot, tells of surviving the 1917 tornado. He said "We saw it coming from the track west and got under the desk as the windows shattered". Next, he heard a screech as if an "old rusty nail was being withdrawn from a board" and looked up in time to see the roof leaving the building and nothing but bare sky and flying debris above him. That depot still stands today and is known as the Whistle Stop. It was purchased in 1976 by Dan and Dee Siple and remodeled into an old time ice cream parlor and fast food shop. Adolf Kaysen was the station agent when the railroad ceased to use the station in the 1960's.

After years of pulling local 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. trains with one coach for passengers and one combination baggage and mailcar and hauling ten gallon milk cans (picked up at 7 and dropped off at 5), newspapers and U.S. Mail, the local expired for lack of cargo. The milk can stand was torn down and trucks took over. The local was replaced by a diesel driven combination passenger and parcel Post car. That lasted into the late thirties when it was done away with. The trucking industry had taken over.

The railroads went into a steep decline and train movements slowed. A few great passenger trains such as the "Florida Arrow" remained. The freight drags were exactly that--heavy coal trains, lumber, stone, and other bulk materials. The track and equipment became worn and weary. The railroads were going broke. World War II came along and put an even greater demand on the system. As in W.W.I., the U.S.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROADING WRECK

October 23, 1903, "Shortly after six o'clock Sunday morning occurred one of the worst wrecks in the history of Pennsylvania railroading. Wreck occurred near the east crossing--two trains met head-on, on main track.

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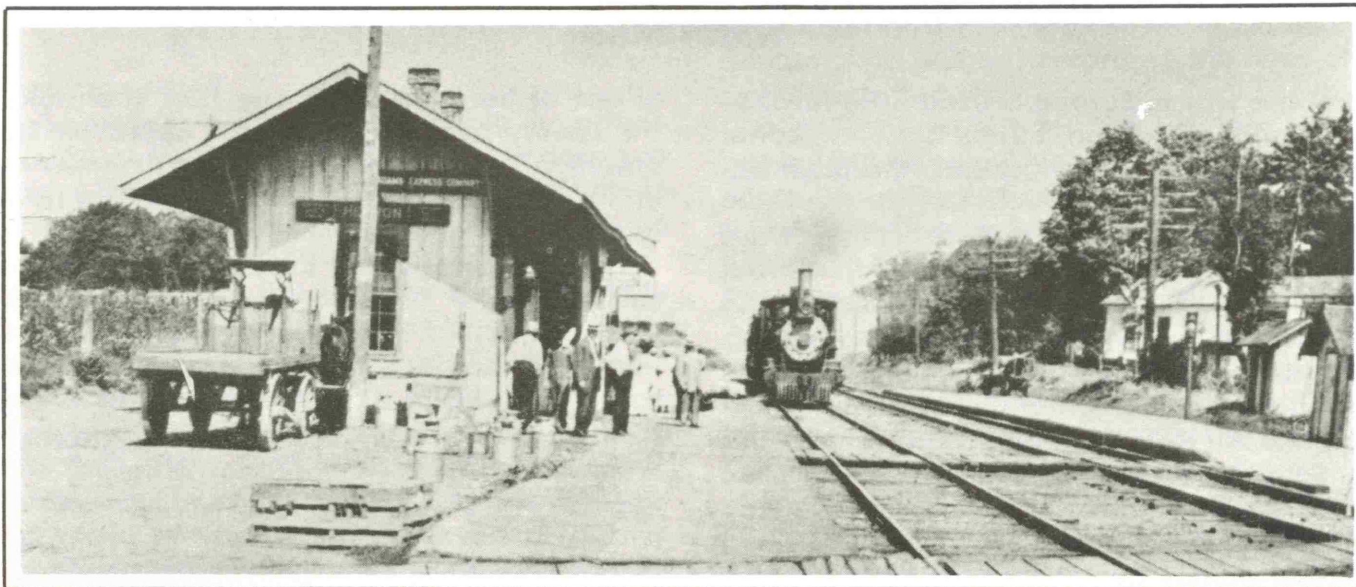
Government almost took over the railroads and they loved it. The railroads specified new engines, equipment, and track rehabilitation. At the end of the War, demand continued and rail transport thrived.

Steam powered locomotives gave way to diesels in the early fifties. They were more efficient, easier on trackage, and didn't require the constant attention the steam monsters did.

The trucking industry was winning the freight war with the railroads. The trucks versatility,

archaic work rules, and a "don't give a damn" attitude contributed to the many railroad bankruptcies that followed in the sixties, including the line in Hebron. Several passenger trains were operated on the "Panhandle Line" until the seventies. The track was closed down in 1978. Now in 1990 we have little to show of that once busy railroad as do many other Indiana towns where the rail lines have been abandoned. Perhaps people with enough foresight and clout will be able to preserve out most vital rail routes for future development.

C.E. STINEBURG
January 16, 1990



Looking west around 1900 from Rt. 2.

BANK ROBBERIES AND BURGLARY

Sometime prior to WWI the old bank vault was blown up late at night (right after they rolled up the sidewalks) with no loss of money, because it was in a separate safe inside the vault. But the explosion blew the records stored in the vault all over the room and it was difficult to reassemble them. This happened before electric lights, and the town marshal normally went home at a decent hour like all citizens.

In 1948 four men robbed the bank and escaped but were caught months later when one of them was killed in a fight with another and their whereabouts were revealed.

In 1955 a young former resident, Roosevelt O'Donnell and wife, held Mr. Robert McGinley, the cashier, and his wife hostage overnight, and then Roosevelt holding McGinley as hostage robbed the bank before opening Monday. Roosevelt fled in Mr. McGinley's car with him as hostage pursued by Maurice Wilson and Collette Beveridge, but they couldn't get close enough because of the dust raised by the fugitives car on the gravel roads. Mr. McGinley escaped several hours later near Matteson, Illinois. In the meantime, Mary Stiles, a bank employee, said she was sure she knew Roosevelt. She went home and identified him in a grade school yearbook, and several months later he was captured and sentenced to 45 years for robbery and kidnapping. Roosevelt served about 35 years and recently came back to see his old friends.

In November of 1962 Glenn David and David Roadruck, carpenters, who couldn't shingle the building they were working on, because the roof was too frosty, decided to rob the bank when they came to town for coffee. They stuffed the

money in the front of their sweatshirts, escaped by running across yards to their car parked three blocks away, leaving a trail of bills that fell out of their shirts, they were pursued for a distance by Tunis Van Veld's dog. Local people picked up and returned to the bank over \$3,500.00 and the total finally unaccounted for was only \$400.00. A truck driver heard the description of their car on the radio, recognized who it was, and told a deputy sheriff standing on the corner by the bank. They were picked up on the Steiner farm west of town where they had gone to finish their shingling job. They received light sentences and long probations because they had no prior records.

In March of 1971, Donald Massey and James Mikulis of Hammond robbed the bank after first casing it by changing some money. Mrs. Helma Skinkle was suspicious of them. They returned and drew guns and the alarm was turned on. The alarm was hooked up to Alyea Service. Mrs. Margaret Little who, lived across the street from the bank, called Ayleas and confirmed there was a robbery. Thomas Alyea and Robert McIntire came over. Tom shot a hole in the robbers' car and Bob pursued them in his car. Lee Cole of the State Police picked up the description of the cars from the police radio and pursued too; alerting other police cars. After a pursuit of several miles they were captured. The people in the bank were on the phone to the State Police, who gave them a running commentary on the pursuit and capture as it came over the police radio.

Luckily no one has ever been hurt, the robbers have all been captured, and we have been able to have a lot of amusement recalling the things that happened during and after the robberies.

WAR YEARS

At first the war in Europe caused little furor in the community of Hebron, but as the news came in about the Pearl Harbor incident, the town became more and more involved. One of the radio programs, *THIS IS LONDON*, broadcast by Edward R. Murrow and listened to widely in this area, (which told of the city being in flames, of the bombing attacks, and of the thousands homeless) instilled concern in some of the citizens that possibly our home town might be hit. Thus, the Civil Defense and Air Raid Warden programs were initiated. Some of the wardens to serve were Louis Alyea, Grover McClellan, Art Brewer, Glen Norton, Bryan Orr, Charles Hewitt, Jay Banter, Harry Ross, James Burtner, Ross Witters, Dave Rosenthal, Perry Clark, Russel Batty, and Frank Moral. In the township they were Craig Stevens, Neil Buchanan, Charles Berdine, Dewey Anderson, Carl Pfledderer, Glen Martin, Gleen McConkey, Floyd Wahl, Lloyd Asher, and Maurice Aylesworth.

This was one of the good things to come out of the great preparedness program. These persons were strictly volunteer and were trained in first aid and personal and home defense. Actually, more than fifty persons in the Hebron area were involved in the entire program.

Another local group worked continually for many months; this was the Red Cross whose volunteers set up a workshop in the building adjoining the Country Kitchen. This unit was under the supervision of the state and National Red Cross.

During these times, the people began to feel the consequences of the many shortages created by the war. Hardly anything could be purchased that was not rationed. Gasoline rationing was started, tires went off the market, and automobile and truck sales were frozen. After December 7, 1941, overnight the auto-makers stopped their assembly lines of cars and made plans for converting to the production of tanks, gun carriers, and airplanes. New and used cars were no longer available, and even tires were strictly rationed. Old tires were gathered in the community for their rubber to be reclaimed. The tires made from the reclaimed rubber were of poor quality, and soon a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour was set to conserve gas and tires. The pre-war tires were much in demand, and the federal government took over control of all new tires in the dealers' stock early in 1942. There were eight tire inspectors in Porter County and before a tire could be bought, a need had to be substantiated

at one of the places of inspection, then taken to the county rationing office for approval. During one month of the war only eight tires were sold in the entire county. Retreads were also rationed and handled in the same manner.

These shortages of tires, gasoline, and cars caused many transportation problems here. Many women and girls were called upon to work in the war production plants. One such plant that sprang up near LaPorte, about thirty-five miles from Hebron, was the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant which manufactured shells of differing caliber. Separations of families, of course, were caused by boys away from home serving in the armed forces, but lonely periods were also experienced by families working the different shifts at the Kingsbury Plant. For example, one family recalls the father working the day shift and the mother always working the "swing shift." Many people from the Hebron area also worked in the Calumet district making guns, tanks, plates, and parts of hulls. Their transportation was provided by car pools and a bus service that ran from Wheatfield to Gary providing three round trips a day hauling as many as fifty passengers each way.

As in all communities, Hebron was left with a great shortage of man power. Many high school senior boys enlisted a few months before graduating insuring their chances of getting into a branch of their choice. During some periods the labor force of Hebron, encompassing the men between eighteen and forty-five years of age, was cut by seventy percent, due to enlistment and working in the war plants; thus, farmers and small businesses were very short of help.

For example, at one station in town eight of its employees were serving in the armed forces which left the business to be run by two girls and three men (one of whom was seventy-five years of age). But, of course, the station had no stock of new tires, little gasoline, and no new or used cars to sell; and this is when the business began to adopt the one word motto, SERVICE.

The young people still in school also felt the pinch of the war. Certain times were allocated during the school week for the selling of war stamps and contests were held to see which class was the winner. Due to the paper shortage throughout the nation, the class of 1945 was unable to have its yearbook printed by a professional firm, and the students ran their own annual off on the school mimeograph machine.

Even in 1946 the students were still feeling the

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paper shortage, and were only able to obtain one-fourth of the crepe paper needed to decorate for their prom which was almost called off do to the shortage of coal needed to heat the building and the shortage of electricity.

One of the most difficult jobs from late 1942 until the end of the war was the one performed by Lee Buchanan, our local druggist. At the time he was also the Western Union representative for Boone Township, and this meant it was his task to deliver the telegrams whether their contents were just ordinary business or telegrams starting out, "We regret to inform you that..." To see Lee Buchanan going up the street with the familiar yellow paper brought a feeling of despair and dread to the community.

Hebron's greatest sacrifice during the war was the lives of the young men that were given for

their country. No history of the town could ever be complete without recording the lives of these courageous heroes.

DONALD L. ALYEA 35896241-Before school was out in 1943 Donald Alyea enlisted in the Army Air Force. He attended school in the Southwest and in Nevada before his squadron was formed in Florida in 1944. He was assigned to the 15th Air Force in Italy in October and was based at Foggio Air Base. His squadron was credited for the final raids on oil refineries in Polesti, Rumania. The squadron's final missions were directed at the Eastern front in support of the Russian Armies. Sergeant Alyea was lost on his nineteenth mission which was directed on Munich, Germany, on December 10, 1944. He was officially declared dead on December 11, 1945.

JOHN HALE BATES-The Roll of Honor of Purdue University, No. 3 Archives of Purdue, lists John Hale Bates, as Radioman 2/c. He enlisted in the

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GROUP OF OLD G.A.R. VETERANS

(Grand Army of the Republic - Union forces during the Civil War)

Back row: James Downs, Gideon Alyea, Jack Wilson, Martin Nichols, D.A. McLinn, Fred Kern, Wm. Adams, Lawrence King, Ben Tanner, Haynes Wood, George J. Essex, John Bryant.

Front row: Harvey Gibbs, George Williams, A.Z. Green, John Stewart, Ben Shoup, Jim Hodgma, Martin Burns, Job Brooks, John McAlpin, John Morrow, Ben Gossit & Mron Sweet.

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Navy in April and was assigned to the USS ENTERPRISE in November, 1940. He was missing in action as of June 4, 1942, when a torpedo plane on which he was free gunner and radio operator failed to return to the ENTERPRISE during the Battle of Midway. He was awarded posthumously the Distinguished Flying Cross.

BYRON E. CASEY-Seaman 2nd Class, 7347114, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Casey. He was killed in action while serving in Pacific theater and was buried at sea. He served on the USS BUNKERHILL. He was a graduate of the class of 1941 of Hebron High School and entered the service in the summer of 1942. The Indiana Archives, Indianapolis, lists his death, "Navy list of casualties, released July 4, 1945, killed in action."

LT. VIRGIL MCALPIN-Who was a graduate of the class of 1933 of Hebron High School, died at the age of twenty-eight of wounds of April 11,

1945. He entered the service in April of 1941 and served in the following: South Pacific, Australia, and New Caledonia. In May of 1942 he was made a sergeant, and in September 16, 1942, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. For twenty-seven months he served as an intelligence officer in the Pacific. He contracted malaria and was returned to the United States, and from there in November of 1944 he was sent to Europe. At the time of his death in Europe he was serving with the 317 80th Division.

ROGER DUANE ROSEBERRY-Son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Roseberry, was graduated from Hebron High School in 1963 and from South Bend College of Commerce in 1965. He entered the Army in October of 1965. He then served in Viet Nam from July, 1966, until he was killed in action on March 21, 1967, at the age of 22 and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, MAY 1949

Pictured: Hans Rosenbaum, Julian Knopf, Charles Fickle, William Anderson, Russ Shrider.

COUNTY - PORTER



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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the year 1990 marks the 100th year of the founding of "The Town of Hebron". On May 10th, 1890 Hebron became incorporated.

WHEREAS, This important milestone provides an opportunity to focus our attention on the growth and progress of our county, and

THEREFORE, it is the desire of the Porter County Commissioners to publicly commend and congratulate "The Town of Hebron" as they enter into their Centennial Year.

BE IT HEREBY KNOWN that the "Town of Hebron" has plans in 1990 for commemorating this memorable event.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Porter County, Indiana, on this 18th day of September 1989 by
UNANIMOUS VOTE.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

William R. Carmichael
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Attest: Jacquelyn M. Sterling
Jacquelyn M. Sterling, Auditor

State of Indiana



Indiana General Assembly

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

Offered by Representatives: WALTER J. ROORDA ESTHER M. WILSON
RALPH DONALD AVRES MARY KAY BUDAK
ANITA O. BOWSER

Senators: SUE LANDSKE WILLIAM EDWARD ALEXA

A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TOWN OF HEBRON
ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, The Town of Hebron, Porter County, Indiana, was created in 1845 by the location of a post office at the "Corners", as the place had been known up to that time; and

WHEREAS, After three earlier attempts at incorporation, in March of 1890 the Board of Commissioners of Porter County overruled written objections to incorporation, found the election of December 1889 was held according to law, and ordered the territory mentioned in the petition filed be incorporated in the name of "The Incorporated Town of Hebron"; and

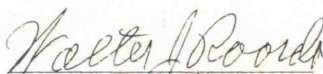
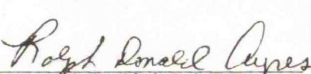
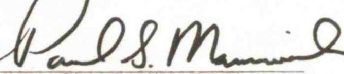
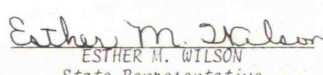
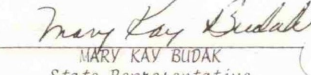
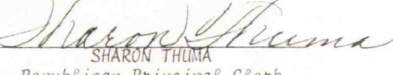
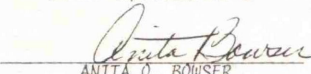
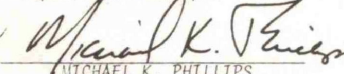
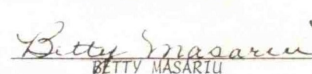
WHEREAS, The Town of Hebron, Porter County, Indiana, is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its incorporation in this year of 1990, commemorating the original incorporation by the compilation of a history of the town from its inception in 1844 and prior through this 100th Anniversary of its incorporation, and by organizing various activities reminiscent of its past and present:

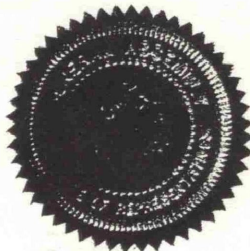
Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

SECTION 1. We hereby commend the Town of Hebron on its 100th Anniversary of its incorporation.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Town Board and Hebron Charter Centennial Committee.

 WALTER J. ROORDA State Representative	 RALPH DONALD AVRES State Representative	 PAUL S. MANNWEILER Republican Speaker of the House
 ESTHER M. WILSON State Representative	 MARY KAY BUDAK State Representative	 SHARON THUMA Republican Principal Clerk
 ANITA O. BOWSER State Representative	 MICHAEL K. PHILLIPS Democratic Speaker of the House	
		 BETTY MASARILI Democratic Principal Clerk



Adopted by the 106th Indiana General
Assembly, 2nd Session, 1990

HEBRON TOWN GOVERNMENT

The local government is made of a Town Board of Trustees, or now in 1990 called a Town Council. There are 3 Town Councilmen, each elected from one of three wards within the Town limits and one Clerk Treasurer elected at large.

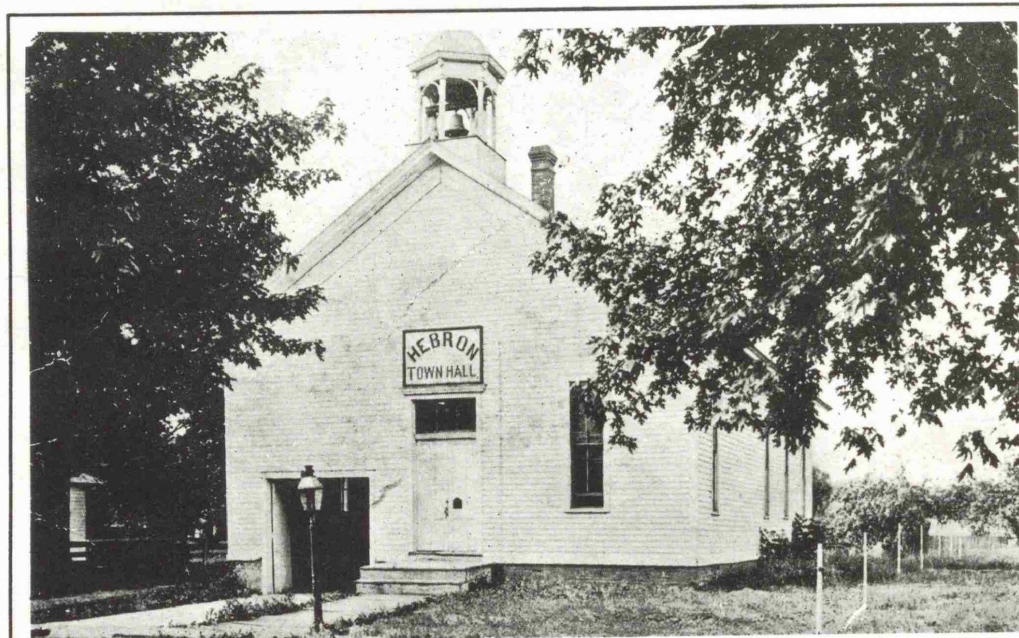
Histroy reveals the following names as town trustees:

- 1890 L. P. Scott, B.F. Nichols and G.W. Maxwell
- 1893 William E. Sweeney
- 1896 William E. Sweeney, John Foster, and A.W. Blanchard
- 1898 William E. Sweeney, John Foster and A.W. Blanchard
- 1899 E. F. Yoher, George W. Gidley and J. R. Wilson
- 1901 Hoynes P. Wood, & Walter P. Stevens
- 1902 H. P. Wood, Marion Hilsworth and Walter Stevens
- 1912 B. F. Nichols, Sherman Alyea & Ira V. Frye
- 1918 W. C. Thompson, L. Humeau, and T. C. Scott
- 1919 W. C. Thompson resigned, A. W. Blanchard appointed
- 1919 L. Humeau, T. C. Scott, and A. W. Blanchard
- 1921 J. P. Wood deceased, B. F. Nichols appointed, he resigned and A. W. Blanchard appointed
- 1924 Roy P. Rathburn, Edward Alyea, & Charles F. Simpson
- 1924 E. Alyea resigned, J. A. Richardson appointed
- 1925 Andrea Crawford, John DeCook and Ray Rathburn
- 1926 John De Cook resigned, Charles Phillips appointed
- 1928 Roscoe P. Blood, Ray Rathburn and Clarence Noel
- 1930 Clarence Noel resigned
- 1930 R. P. Blood, Ray Rathburn & B. Gidley
- 1930 B. Gidley deceased, Joseph A. Richardson appointed
- 1935 Leland K. Buchanan, H. H. Albertson, & Glenn Norton
- 1936 Leland K. Buchanan, Glenn Norton & Guy H. Albertson
- 1946 Bruce Douglas replaced Guy H. Albertson who resigned
- 1948 Roland Thompson, Noble Aylesworth, and Maurice Wilson
- 1956 George Timson, Herbert Rosenthal & Wayne Fry
- 1958 Maurice Wilson replaced George Timson who resigned
- 1959 John H. Evans replaces Maurice Wilson who resigned
- 1960 Dave Parent appointed for Herbert Rosenthal who died

- 1963 Edward Klemz appointed to replace John Evans who resigned
- 1964 Edward Klemz, Russell Shrider, & Robert McIntire
- 1968 Noble H. Aylesworth, Robert Nethery and Arnie Kaldahl
- 1972 Wayne Fry, James Spurr and Paul Stalbaum
- 1976 Paul Stalbaum, Robert Hoernig and Richard Bell
- 1980 Robert Earl, Wilfred Wagner and Edward Herbert
- 1984 Ray Bales, John Buczkowski and William Kaczmariski
- 1988 Fred Siminski, Milton Schroader, & Richard Bell

History revels the following for Clerk Treasurer:

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| 1890 | R. S. Kenny |
| 1893-1899 | W. J. Irvin |
| 1901-1909 | Job Brooks |
| 1910-1911 | Ray Rathburn |
| 1912-1915 | Lyell S. Bryant |
| 1916-1917 | G. E. Henderson |
| 1917 | J. P. Wood |
| 1918-1921 | Melane Folta |
| 1921-1924 | George W. Gidley |
| 1924-1925 | Mayme V. Nolan-John R. Childs |
| 1930-1934 | Lyell Bryant-Glen Norton |
| 1934 | C. E. Comeaux appointed |
| 1935 | Lyell S. Bryant |
| 1935 | Ella Henderson appointed to replace Bryant, deceased |
| 1948 | Bruce Rathburn |
| 1955 | Elmer Bricker appointed to replace Rathburn who resigned |
| 1968 | Maurice J. Dye |
| 1972 | Charles Grube |
| 1972 | Marcella J. Mason appointed to replace Grube who resigned |
| 1976 | Marcella J. Mason |
| 1980 | Donna F. Taber |
| 1984 | Donna F. Taber |
| 1988 | Laurie Fry |



Town Hall, Hebron, Ind.

TOWN HALL

The Town Hall has sat at many different sites in the Town of Hebron. Photo shows the Town Hall in the early 1900's when it sat at the east of the present Town Hall.

In 1955 when the Fire Department built a new building at 106 E. Sigler it made available space for town meetings. The offices of the Town Clerk and water & sewer clerks were in the same building as the Police Department which

was located behind Stagecoach Inn, east of Main Street.

In 1983 when the Fire Department built a new building on Washington Street the Town Board remodeled the old fire-station into a Town Hall with meeting room and offices for the Town Clerk and water & sewer department clerks. This sits directly in front of the Water Plant on 106 E. Sigler Street.

The Town Hall has sat at many different sites



HEBRON POST OFFICE

In 1845, Rev Blain circulated a petition for a post office, which was established within the year. Rev. Blain became the first post master, serving two years. Prior to this it was necessary for the people to go to LaPorte for mail service or do business with the land office there. Mail was carried in those days by horseback or on foot.

The post office occupied a building on Main Street until 1978, when a modern building was built on 107 N. Washington Street.

Until 1963 a train catch-it pouch was used to transfer mail eastward in the early afternoon. Local men contracted for this job of hanging the pouch at the depot and receiving a throw-off pouch from the Chicago, Richmond, and Cincinnati train No. 71. George Carr and James McLuckies held this job over the eight years of service.

One thing that has remained the same during the last forty years, is that the Star trucks still take mail twice daily to Gary where it is worked or flown to O'Hare or trucked to surrounding towns. Starting in January 1975, the Hebron postmark was not on all mail leaving town. Mail deposited late in the day is sent to Gary uncanceled. There it is cancelled and sorted on a LSM letter sorting machine, which was put into operation in 1974. These changes have come about since the Postal Department became a private business.

The routes have expanded greatly since 1937, it has five rural routes, employs three clerks, five rural carriers, five rural carrier relief and one

Postmaster. Approximately 5100 people are serviced through this office.

Hebron Postmasters have been:

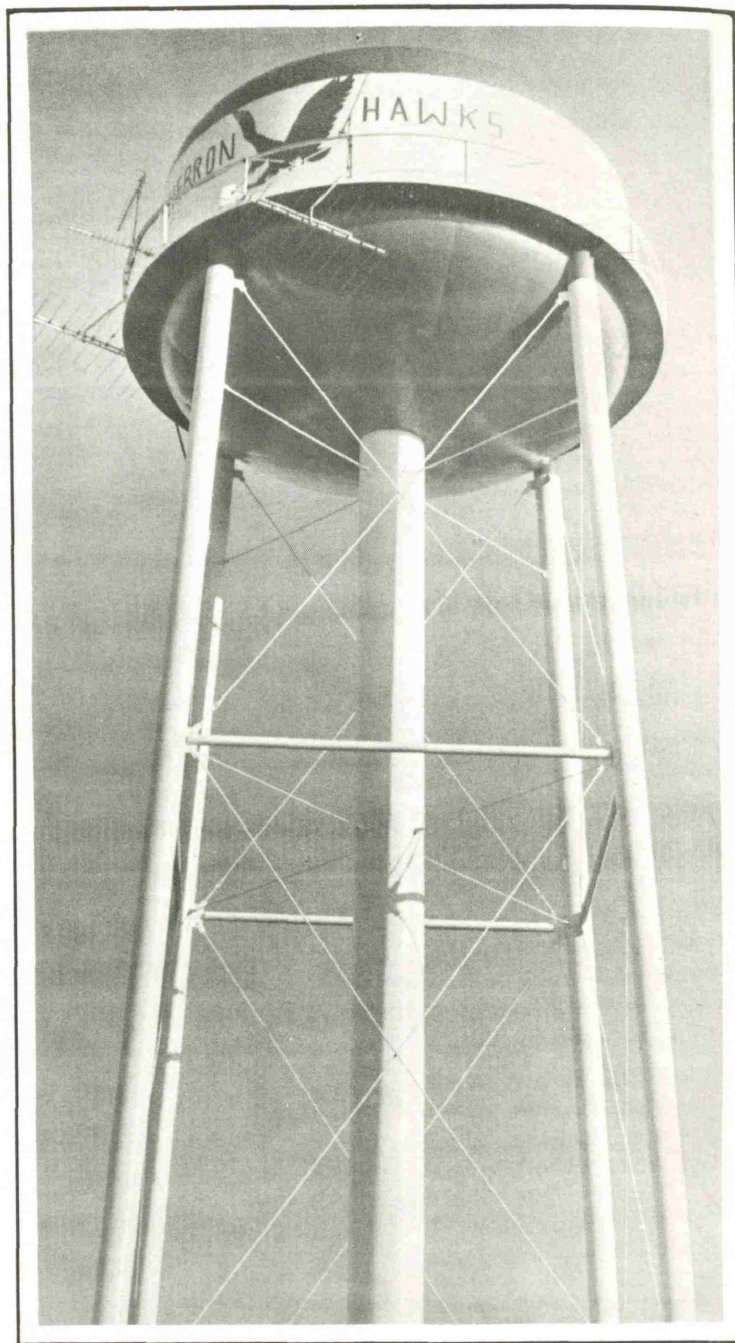
1846	Rev. Blain
1848-50	Mr. Morris
	John Hoffman
	Amos Andrews
	J. E. Bryant
	Loron Pomeroy
	Charles Carmen
	Oscar Baird
	Emma Buchanan
	Matthew Wilson
	Elery Nichols
1892-96	George Gidley
1896-04	Neil Morrow
1904-12	James Carson
1912-20	Herman Doyle
1920-32	Art Marsden
1932-39	Victor Gidley
1039-40	Ella Henderson-acting Postmaster
1940-45	Grover Wilson
1945-49	Alden Blood-acting Postmaster
1949-68	Oliver Weddle
1968-70	Kenneth Antrim-officer in charge
1970-87	Kathryn Wiltfang-officer in charge
1987-88	Linda Silvero-officer in charge
1988-89	Willie Warren-Retired October 89
	Herman Wilson-officer in charge

HEBRON MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS

The Hebron Water Company was formed in January of 1914 and the directors, George W. Gridley, J.R. Wilson, and Olo E. Nichols perfected plans for the selling of \$23,500 worth of stock to finance the venture. The Town was to purchase the shares over a period of many years from the original investors. By April 30, 1914, the well for the new system had reached a depth of 198 feet when the state chemist pronounced the water unfit for human use because of excessive iron and sulphur content. Another well was sunk and plentiful water of good quality, save for its hardness, was struck at a much shallower depth. Mains were laid in the business and residential districts and the system was ready for use. In 1932, copper tubing was used for the first time for service lines. In 1934, the drilling of a new well in the public square at the present site of the Scout Cabin and United Methodist Church was authorized. That well served to supplement the main well. The water system in 1936 was cared for by William Antrim, town marshal, and his assistant, Minor Sweney.

The most outstanding feature of the water system was the inexpensive water rates. Meters were checked on a quarterly basis, and the average bill in 1936 was \$1.50 per quarter. At this time homes were still using archaic water facilities; a cold water tap at the kitchen sink, very few appliances for heating water, no indoor water closets, and no tubs with hot and cold water. As the community began to feel the first signs of prosperity since the depression, new demands were made on the water system. As it is with many public facilities, much talk and many years were needed to bring improvements and they would have been impossible without an influx of new money gained by taxation or a bond issue. The revenue from the existing water sales at the rates set by the ICC did little more than pay existing expenses. In 1940, the water rate was raised to \$1.50 per month. Little was done to the system through the 1950's except for a few hundred feet of new water mains and some new hydrants.

In 1962, a progressive town board, consisting of Wayne Fry, Dave Parent, and Jack Evans contacted an engineer, R.J. Noble of Charles Cole and Sons Company; and the water improvement plan became a reality. A new water plant with chlorination for protection, filters for iron removal, softeners, another well, a one hundred thousand gallon storage tank, new water mains, and re-



As the water tower appeared until 1987 - next painting should again include the Hebron Hawks. Located on the East side of Main Street behind the Hebron Police Department.

placement of old minimum-size street pipes were just a few of the improvements which were implemented by contracts with Cole Engineers, Construction Co., and Knapp Construction Co. Cost of the improvements was \$200,000, which

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HEBRON MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS

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was paid by a thirty year bond issue. With the growth of Hebron to the north, it was necessary to add a second water storage tower north of Park Place when that subdivision began to grow.

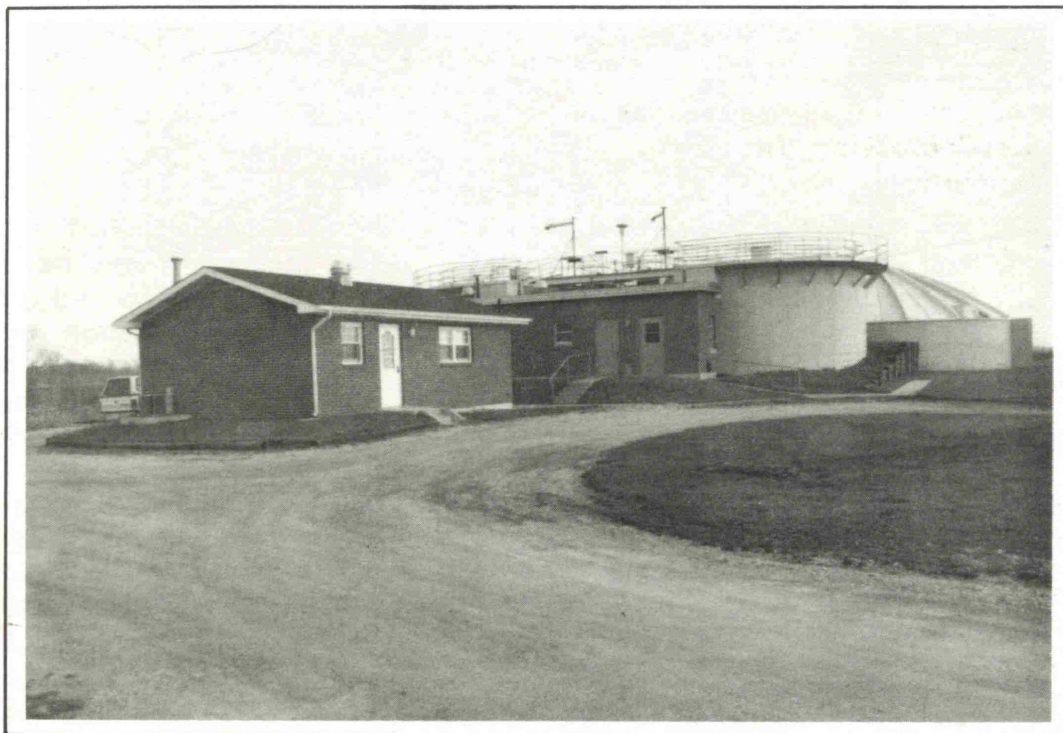
The Town Board faced a sewage problem in 1969. Under the direction of the Indiana Water Pollution Control Board, it began the construction of a sewage collection and treatment system. Total cost was approximately \$847,000 of which \$302,000 was federally funded. The project engineers were Clyde Williams and Aoosc., Inc. and the project took a little over two years to complete. Nine miles of sewers were laid in town streets and alleys. The treatment plant was located on eight acres located south of the Penn Central Railroad right of way along Cobb's Creek. In 1981, the treatment plant underwent an improvement project to provide better lab facilities and an upgrade in plant design. The cost totaled \$273,699, of which the Town paid \$68,426. The project was completed in 1983. The latest improvement to the treatment plant was in 1986. It involved the replacement of the trickling filter dome and internal distributor mechanism at an approximate cost of \$81,000. All engineering and some of the construction was provided by in-house personnel.

The Hebron Wastewater Treatment system will

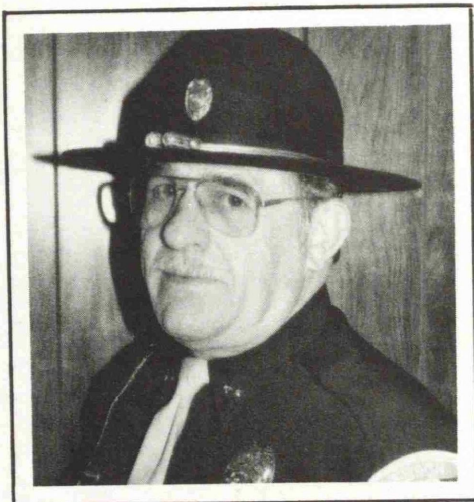


Water Plant - 106 E. Sigler behind the Town Hall.

continue to grow with the population of Hebron. The Town Board and the personnel entrusted with the task of monitoring and maintaining the system are mandated by the federal and state governments to provide a safe and healthy environment. In light of new regulations, as well as an increasing population, the Town of Hebron will continue to accomplish these tasks. Sewer superintendents have been as follows: 1969-1980 Charles E. Stineburg, 1980-1986 Michael O'Brien, 1986-Present, Michael H. Novac.



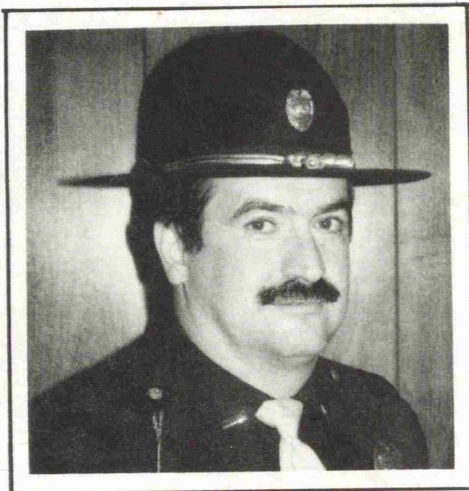
Wastewater Treatment Plant - St. Rd. 8 and southeast.



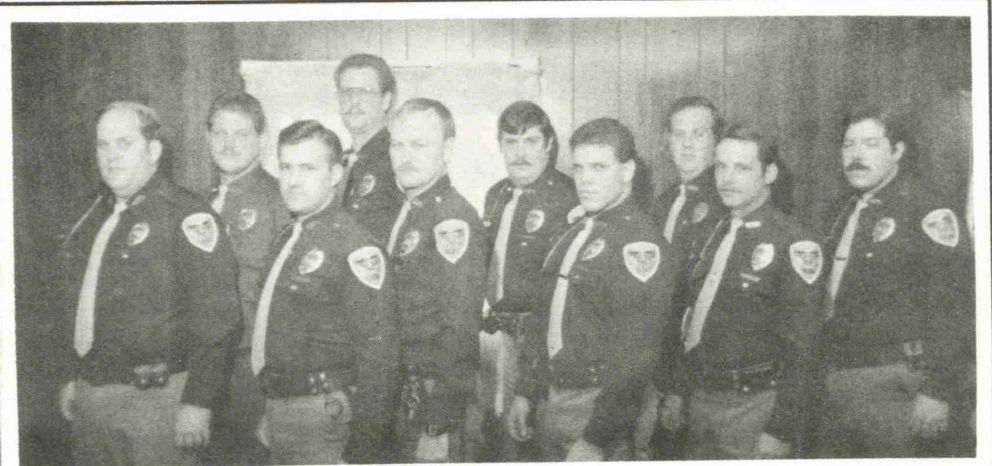
H. Ray Lockhart, Chief



Radio Dispatchers, seated: Vivian Olson and Edith Conover.
Standing: Jennie Crase, Jean Shaffer, Kenneth Perry and Louise Viet.



Tony Fonce, Lt.



Patrolman and Specials, front row: Clyde Wolfe, Glen Harbaugh, Mike Boling, Randy Komisarick, Robert Marine, and Ralph Campen.
Second row: Edward McCoy, Rick Owens, Roy Hibbard, and Bernard Doyle.
Those missing are: Geno Manago, Patrolman and dispatchers, Vernon Marrel and Maurice Dye.

HEBRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

H.R. Wood was appointed Hebron's first Town Marshall on May 10, 1890. His salary was \$65.00 a year, \$120.00 per year for lighting and caring for the street lamps plus \$1.50 per day when needed to supervise road work.

On October 19, 1896 the Marshall was given the privilege to appoint a deputy.

In the early 1900's the first jail was erected. It was located on the west side of the Water Department office on E. Sigler Street.

The first official police car was purchased in the early 1950's. Until then the town Marshall patrolled the streets in their own cars.

After a wave of crime in 1952 of 3 burglaries, the town swore in their first group of volunteer citizens as special police.

The Town Board hired H. Ray Lockhart on December 1, 1977 as Chief of Police. He had 2 de-

puty marshalls, Kenneth Ardire and Jack Beach. At that time the department had 2 cars, 2 mobile radios, 1 portable radio and a telephone in each car. The only communication with the officer in his car was through telephone. If he couldn't be reached then you would call the Porter County Sheriff's Department to communicate with the officer.

Through the efforts of Chief Lockhart, Federal grant money and CETA program, they acquired a communication system in the police department and hired dispatchers. In 1979 they acquired 1 more car then started to build up to 5 cars and 1 back up car, 5 full time officers, 8 volunteer officers, 2 full-time and 3 volunteer dispatchers.

As of January 1, 1990 the Hebron Police Depart-

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HEBRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ment personnel are as follows:

Chief-H. Ray Lockhart; Lt.-Tony Fonce; Patrolmen-Ralph Campen, Roy Hibbard & Randy Komisarcik. Specials are: Bob Marine, Geno Manigo, Clyde Wolfe, Rick Owens, Bernard Doyle, Ed McCoy, Glen Harbaugh and Mike Boling. Dispatcher-Secretary-Jean Shaffer; Dispatcher-Kenneth Perry, Vivian Olson and Edith Conover. Volunteer Dispatchers-Vernon Marrel, Jennie Crase, Louise Viet and Maurice Dye.

Their duties are to serve and protect the citizens of the Town of Hebron. Uphold all town ordinances and the laws of the State & Federal Government.

Town Marshalls from 1890 are:

1890	H. R. Wood
1893	Benjamin Shoup
1897	J.W. Robertson
1912	Doc Rice
1915	William Antrim
1916	O.G. Berdine
1932	William Antrim
1933-34	Minor Sweeney
1935	John Hollendsworth
1950	Cyril H. Fickle
	Homer Martin
	Bruce Bornholt
	Joe Bestler
	Leslie Mussall
1952-62	Miles Starkey
1962-75	Max Hessling
1976	Jon Rosenbaum
1977-90	H. Ray Lockhart

HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the early history of the township, fire fighting was done with an old chemical cart which was propelled to the scene of the fire by willing and brawny members of the volunteer fire department. In 1915 the department went modern and purchased its first self-propelled piece of equipment, a Ford fire truck complete with hose and chemical tank.

The fire station was at 104 S. Main Street where Weimer's Automotive is located, until 1955. A Town Hall-Fire Department was built next to the water pumping station at 106 E. Sigler Street.

This building was the home of the fire department until 1983. A new fire station was built at 190 North Washington Street. The building has 3 times the space of the old building including a room for the apparatus, a radio room and 5 bays for a fire engine.

Today the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department, incorporated, boasts the following equipment: a 1989 Ford Grass Truck (200 gallons), a 1968 American Darley pumper rated at 1000 gallons per minute; a 1976 Chevy 1500 gallon tanker; a 1977

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HEBRON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The present roster of firemen is as follows:

Front row: Bob Steffel, Lieutenant; Bob Mason, Captain; Dave Wilson, Assistant Chief; Richard Bell, Chief; Mike Steffel, Captain; Russ Franzman Jr., Lieutenant.

Second row: Rick Gideon, Bob McIntire, Jeff Gideon, Tom Fry, Mark Uzelac, Rodney Townsend and Mark Fry.

Third row: Jim Sherman, Joe Swiatkowski, Don Brawner, John Galloway, Tom Zacek, Bob Hoernig, Mark Passine, Scott Parish and Tom Rust.

Not pictured: Jerry Dye, Greg Steffel and Tony Terrana.

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Ford 2000 gallon tanker; a 1980 Chevy one ton van that is used as a equipment truck and a 1923 Ford Chemical truck, an antique that is used for parades. The grass buggy, the 2 tankers and the equipment truck were bought by the firemen, who raised the funds by various drives and public donations.

For many years the firemen were alerted solely by means of the first siren located on top of the station. But in 1960 a telephone system in the homes of the firemen was installed. When the services of the men are needed, a citizen merely calls the fire number and it automatically connected with eighteen fire phones. The system in 1975 was further updated by "pagers" which are portable one-way radios carried by the person.

The Fire Department is funded by the Town of Hebron and Boone Township. They carry a mutual aid agreement with Porter, Pleasant, and Keener Townships and have a contract to furnish fire service to portions of Winfield and Eagle Creek Township.

The department is a member of the Indiana

Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Fire Chiefs:

1936-41	Chief-Charles B. Lightfoot, Assistant-Monte Morrow Driver-John Cross
1941-57	Chief-Monte Morrow
1957-72	Chief-Charles Stineburg
1972-79	Chief-Donald Fry Assistant-Leland K. Buchanan
1979-85	Chief-Allen Stembel Assistant-Richard Bell
1986	Chief-Richard Bell Assistant Chief-Mike Steffel
1987	Chief-Richard Bell Assistant Chief-Dave Wilson
1988	Chief-Richard Bell Assistant Chief-Bob Mason
1989-90	Chief-Richard Bell Assistant Chief-Dave Wilson





RETIRED FIREMEN

Floyd Blanchard, Lynn McAplin, Roy Childs, Harrison Wilson, J.D. McAplin, Joe Richardson, John Aylesworth, C.J. Noel, W.E. Thaney, Leland Irin, Bill DeCook, Frank Felder, H.A. Marsden, Clate McAplin, Lyle Bryant, Roy Rathburn, Clate Henson, Pete Morrow, Ross Price, Art Simpson, Bill Nichols, Mel Morrow, Roy Smith, Guy Sweney, Fred Dilley, Charles B. Lightfoot, John Cross, W.R. Osby, Claude Comeaux, Bernard Douglas, Neil Sweney, Howard Dinsmore, B. L. Carpenter, J. N. Osby, Ben Garvey, Maurice Wilson, Bill Antrim, Harold Dinsmore, Harry Lawrence, Herb Rosenthal, Walter Johnson, Vernon Burns,

Miles Starkey, John DeKock, Charles Antrim, J. C. McAplin, Charles Stineburg, Russ Franzman, Sr., Perry Clark, Barney Ryan, Dave Parent, Russ Shrider, Bob Osby, Jim Douglas, Chuck Osby, Chub Beveridge, Harold Schroder, Lee Little, Jerry Starkey, Donald G. Fry, Charles "Ki" Wagner, LeRoy Urbas, Leland Buchanan, Kenneth Patz, Eugene Garvey, Dick Johnson, Millard Clark, Ronald Patz, Dave Walker, Don Clinton, Don Lazorik, Donald R. Fry, Mike Wagoner, Jerry Wilson, Dick Steffel, Craig Patz, and Jeff Patz.
Honorary Firemen: Lester Fry and Louis Alyea.

HEBRON CEMETERIES

Death found its way into the little community in 1837 for the first time when Harriet Dinwiddie, a young girl, died. The second death was of Mrs. Orris Jewett, wife of the blacksmith, in 1838. Soon after arrival here the settlers had chosen a site for a cemetery just across the road east from the present Hebron cemetery, but when it became necessary to dig a grave for the Dinwiddie girl, this location was found to be so wet that the grave filled with water. The site was changed to the present Western part of the cemetery where the little girl was laid to rest. In this part of the present Hebron Cemetery and the Cornell Cemetery, three and a half miles east of town, is the final resting place of most of the early builders of this community. The first burial in the Cornell Cemetery found was that of Van Kirk Cornell, one year old son of Isaac and Priscilla Cornell, who

died on June 21, 1838. Moses Jones, R.W.V.

Visiting the early sections of the two cemeteries, one is sure to notice the large numbers of graves of children in early childhood and of women between the ages of twenty and thirty. Moving over to the newer sections of the cemetery, the contrast becomes very evident. The hardship of child bearing and the diseases of childhood took a terrific toll in those early days. The tremendous reduction in the number of graves of these two groups since the turn of the century is splendid evidence of the progress the science of medicine has made and the increase in the standard of living achieved by the average person.

The Hebron cemetery now consists of fourteen acres. The oldest section is maintained by tax support of Boone Township and the remaining sections by a perpetual care fund which was instituted by Robert McGinley and L.K. Buchanan. Faithful care-takers of the cemetery thru the

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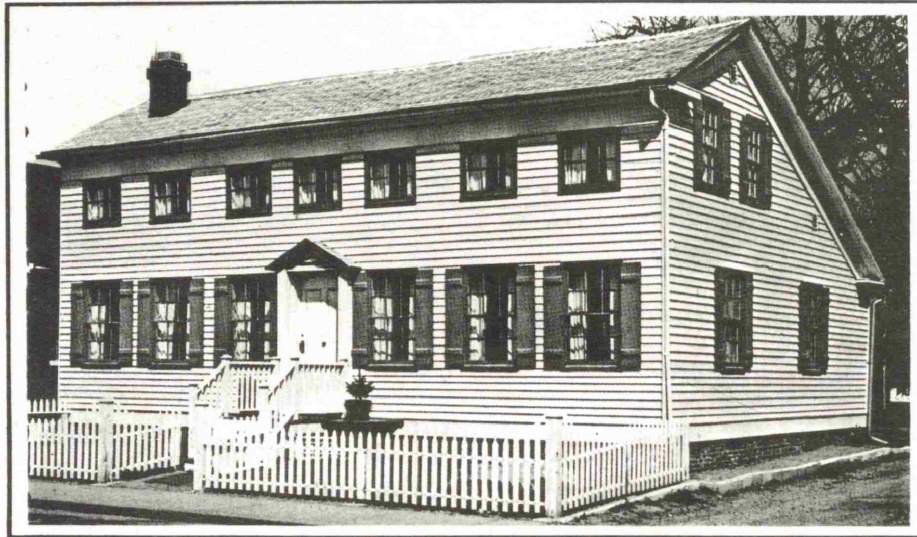
years have been Mr. Lorenzo Norris, Mr. Howard Williamson, Mr. Joe Martin and the present caretaker Mr. Kit Kinne.

The Hebron Cemetery is under the supervision of a board of trustees, which when L.K. Buchanan was president, Mr. Robert McGinley, treasurer, and Mrs. Lois Buchanan, acting secretary, many of the improvements in the grounds and finances were made. Mr. Buchanan served for almost 40 years as president, and Mr. Ginley for more than 30 years as treasurer. The present board is:

Judith Burns, Secretary, Suzanne Fickle, Treasurer, and members Harold Haberlin, Wm. Mullins, and Wm. Sheetz.

Another cemetery is located one mile north of Hebron on Route 2 at Windwoods Farm. There are 15 tombstones one reading Eliza Diddlecomb, died August 20, 1855.

Legend has it that a wagon train passing through stopped here because they had scarlet fever. Most died and were buried on the hill behind Bates hill now called Windwoods Farm.



THE STAGECOACH INN 127 N. Main

The Stagecoach Inn, located on the east side of Main St., has been a constantly visible reminder of Hebron's history. Its building style is that of a "Saltbox," so named because its shape is reminiscent of saltboxes that were used in Colonial New England households.

Built in 1849 by a man named James McCune, it was originally used as a way-station along the stagecoach route between Detroit and St. Louis. After the coming of the railroads to this area in 1863, the inn continued to serve as a resting place for travelers, as well as for sportsmen who came to hunt and fish along the Kankakee River.

Around the turn of the century the building was purchased by a man named Mosier, who converted it to both residential and business use. At various times it has housed a beauty shop, post office and a dairy.

In the 1960's, the Stagecoach Inn was purchased by Louis Alyea. He had the goal of preserving the inn "both as a historical museum and as a memorial to Hebronites who gave their lives in defense of their country." The building was preserved as such from the "pay, compensation, and

life insurance" of his son, Sgt. Donald L. Alyea (1925-44), who was killed during the Second World War, while on his 20th bombing mission.

The inn began to be filled over the years with artifacts and photos which document the history of Hebron and its settlers. All were either donated by the townspeople, or collected by Louis Alyea.

In August, 1970, the restored building opened its doors to the public, and has since served as a museum and gathering place for local organizations, as well as for many private receptions and banquets. Citizens continued to donate their long-treasured items to the museum, and volunteers kept up its maintenance.

By 1987, Louis Alyea, now 85 years old, expressed a wish to retire, and suggested that another group or organization take over the responsibility of the management of the Stagecoach Inn. After his death in 1988, the heirs to his estate began the process of transferring ownership of the inn to the Park Board, with the condition that it continue to be maintained as a museum and community gathering place. This was formally done on April 4, 1990.



HEBRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

201 West Sigler

There is probably no institution in Boone Township of which the people are more proud than their public library. The beautiful little building, its carefully selected books and its efficient service has made it valued by almost every member of the community. It owes its existence to both the vision and dedication of its citizens, and to the generosity of Andrew Carnegie.

The leadership for the organization of public library in Hebron came through a social and cultural club of the community, the Fortnightly Club. In February of 1917 this group, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Myrtle Childs, began the movement for the establishment of a public library. A committee was appointed to communicate with small town libraries for the purpose of obtaining information on the establishment of the same. It also got in touch with the State Library commission through which a copy of the state library laws was obtained and many points on method of procedure.

The first step was to obtain a petition bearing the signature of at least fifty freeholders, each pledging a subscription of \$2.98, which was the result of a requirement of the library law of the state, determined on the basis of assessed valuation of Hebron and Boone Township. Along with the signatures, there were solicited subscriptions which in the end totaled more than \$1,000.

In September of 1917, the first library board of

Hebron composed of M.E. Dinsmore-President, Mrs. Carrie F. Nichols-Vice President, Miss Nettie Bryant-Secretary, O.E. Nichols, Jessie Bryant, J.T. Buchanan and Miss Elizabeth Patton, purchased the library site, a corner house and lot, for \$13,000. Mr. Dinsmore, president of the board, mortgaged his home for the payment of the same until such a time as the board had funds to take it over.

The next step was an application for a Carnegie donation sufficient to erect a suitable library building. After much red tape the secretary of the Carnegie Corporation, Mr. Bertran, granted a donation of \$7,500.00. But even by adding \$2,500 from local funds the \$10,000. was inadequate. An additional \$2,500 was given by the corporation when the board complied with the request to secure the co-operation for library purposes of Eagle Creek Township of Lake County, and increase its guaranteed annual expenditure to \$1,250.

Building of the library was deferred until 1921. In the meantime the library had been operated in the house occupying the site which had been purchased for the new building. Mrs. Carrie Nichols was chosen as first Librarian at \$10.00 a month. Her successor was Mrs. Nettie Thaney.

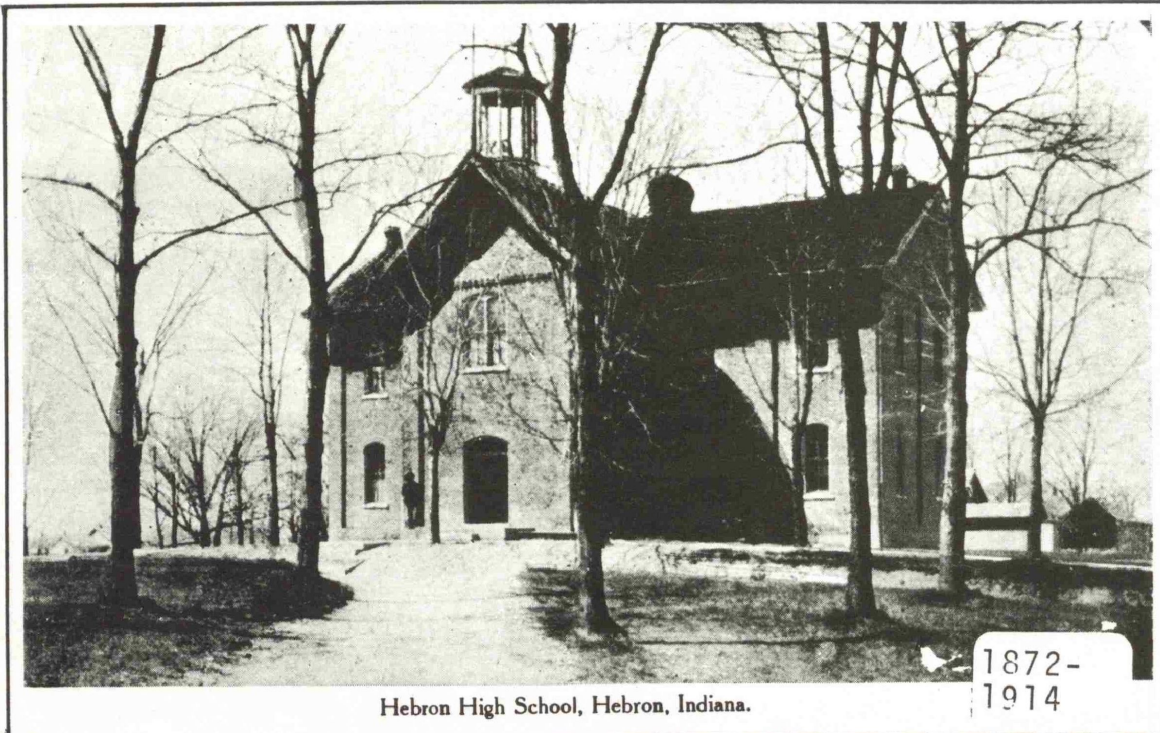
The library was finally dedicated on April 18, 1922. Dedication ceremonies included day and evening tours, stories for children, and music provided by a local orchestra.

The architect was Wilson B. Parker of Indianapolis. The building has 2 floors and contains 2,430 sq. ft. The building of Neo-Classical design has served as the library to a growing community. As the community has grown so has the library's collection, and the way in which space has been utilized. The children's library reading area was moved to the basement in 1979 and named after Jessie Spindler for her long years of service to the library.

Circulation and patrons have increased--from 1643 books and 547 borrowers in 1922, to 16,381 books (does not include periodicals and other material) and over 3000 borrowers in 1986. Hours of operation have increased as well, from 16 in 1922 to 27 in 1986.

Librarians: 1918-1920 Carrie F. Nichols; 1920-1940 Mrs. W.E. Thaney; 1940-1974 Mrs. Raymond (Jessie) Spindler; 1974-1985 Mrs. Oswald (Phyllis) Sanders; 1985-present Mary Jane Roller, Assistant Librarian, Darlene Riggs.

SCHOOLS



Hebron High School, Hebron, Indiana.

BOONE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Since the earliest days of settlement of Hebron and Boone Township some type of education was offered its citizens. Several schools had been established by the 1840's; classes in reading, writing, and arithmetic were taught in cabins, homes and churches throughout the township.

In 1853 an attempt was made by voters of the township to assess a tax for support of free township schools. The attempt failed, but the following year taxpayers voted in support of providing a modest, though inadequate amounts to the 6 district schools already in existence.

In 1872 a "handsome brick" school building was erected in Hebron on the west side of Adams St. (across from the Scout Cabin), at a cost of \$5000. Originally 4 rooms, the building was expanded in 1897. It now had 6 rooms, two of which were occupied by the high school students, and a library. This building served until 1914. During the years 1886-88, the work of dividing the students into grades was completed by H.H. Loring.

The first commencement exercises were held in 1890 for the graduating class of 6 girls and 2 boys. They were Ora Bryant, Nettie Carson, Charles Childs, Helen Green, Sadie McAlpin, Virgil Nichols, Mary Patton and Bertha Rice.

The township began making efforts at consolidating the Hebron and 6 district schools in 1902, a task which was finally completed in 1936. This

was made practical by what was termed in 1936 as "the improvement in transportation, making possible convenient and economical hauling of pupils into Hebron"--namely, the motorized school bus.

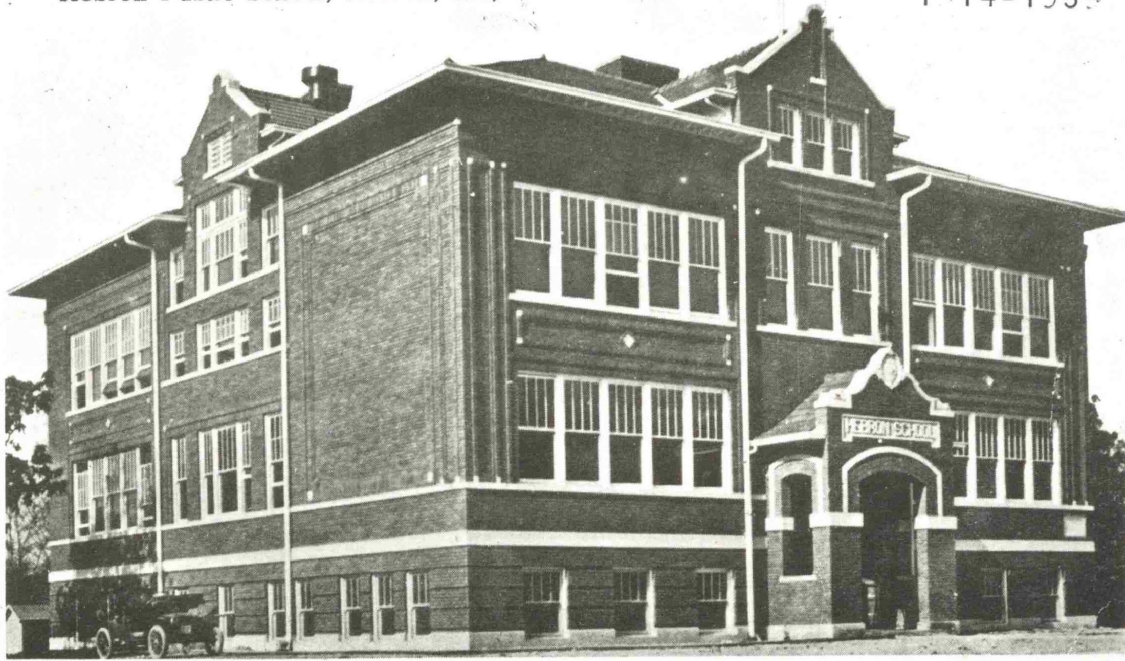
In 1914, due to increasing enrollment and aging facilities, bonds were issued for construction of a new school building, which was constructed on the same site as the old one. It contained 11 classrooms, combination auditorium and gym, and lab/shop room.

As the number of students and buildings expanded, so did the curriculum, from the bare minimum of basics of the 19th century to more expanded course offerings. By the 1930's the school system was offering instruction in manual arts, sciences, health & physical education, home economics, typing, business and music.

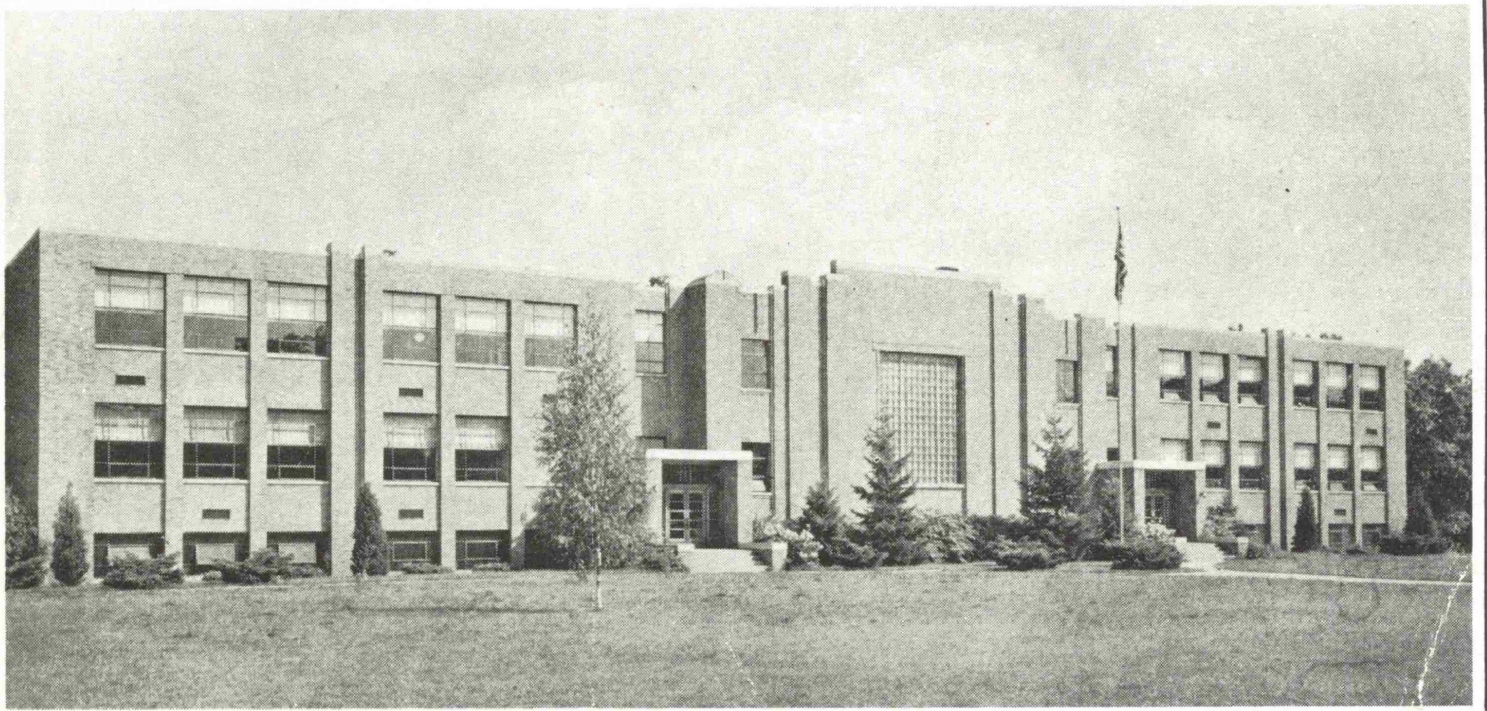
Again in the late 1920's, the school found itself overcrowded and its facilities outdated. The building now held some 300 students from grades 1 through 12.

Although badly needed, the new school was not begun until 1938 because of the economic hardship of the Depression. In 1939, the present school building, funded as a WPA project, opened its doors. Located 307 So. Main, it consisted

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1914-1939



1939

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of 46 rooms and could accommodate 500 students.

Since its construction, this building has expanded to meet the growing population of Boone Township. The post-WWII baby boom meant the first new addition--in 1960 the first elementary

school wing opened its doors. Additional wings were added throughout the next 2 decades. A second and third elementary school wings were added in 1963 and 1968. This solved the problem of over-crowding at the grade school level, but the entire student body of the Jr. High/High School was still crowded into the old WPA build-

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ing. A middle school addition was built on the northeast side of the original building in 1973.

Ganz and Park Place subdivisions, built in the mid-1970's to house an influx of new residents from neighboring Lake County meant another increase in the student population. In 1978 and 79 the farm shop, cafeteria and a 4th elementary wing were added. And finally, in 1986, a new media center (library), computer, math, and elementary music rooms, a second gym and new elementary school offices completed the expansion. Architects for the 1978-79, and 1986 constructions was the firm of E.I. Brown.

Students contributed to the physical changes on the school grounds. A V-shaped stone marker at the front of the school was constructed in 1976, as part of a fund-raising project of the Student Council.

As in the early decades of the 20th century, the curriculum of Boone Township Schools has changed in an attempt to meet the challenges of the late 20th century's need for a better trained and educated work force. Some major changes are that the 32 credits needed to graduate in the early 1970's have been raised first to 36, and then to the 38 minimum in 1988. Beginning with the Sputnik Era, the resultant competition between the U.S. and the Soviet Union led to an increased emphasis on math and science since the 1950's. Today's emphasis on computer literacy means a minimum of 1 computer science course at the Jr./Sr. High School level required for graduation. There is also an increased emphasis on Special Ed. and Vocational Education.

Growth Pattern, Students & Faculty

YEAR	STUDENTS	FACULTY
1936	295	11
1946	360	15
1956	487	18
1966	808	34
1974	878	41
1976	978	47
1984	940	56
1989	997	60

The principals of Boone Township Schools have been:

1932-1942	G. Warren Phillips
1942-1944	M.M. Hague
1944-1949	Wayne Eikenberry
1949-1951	Raymond F. Tate
1951-1954	Thomas MacOwen
1954-1968	Myron Knauff
1968-1969	Kent Meyers
1969	Donald E. Broughton
1964	Donald Allison (Elementary Principal)

The trustees have been:

1935-1942	Harry Williams
1943-1950	Craig Stevens
1951-1958	Leland Buchanan
1959-1962	Russell Franzman
1963-1970	Howard Dillabaugh
1971	Charles Osburn

ACADEMICS/ATHLETICS

Hebron has a proud tradition of academic and athletic excellence. The drama club tries to put on two performances each year. The music program has done well in competition with concert band, jazz band and choir, and has had many solo and ensemble winners. The state of Indiana started sponsoring academic competition and divided the schools into 4 classes. Hebron belongs in class 4 (small school) and won the Academic Decathlon State Championship in Class 4 in 1986. After that an Academic superbowl was developed with 6 competition areas: social studies, math, English, science, fine arts, and all-around. After a regional competition, the top 5 or 6 schools in each division from around the state are invited down to Indianapolis for a state meet. In 1987 the science, all-around, and social studies teams qualified for the state meet. The social studies team competed and took second place but the other two teams could not compete because of prior commitments. The 1988 social studies team finished third in the state, and in 1989 the math team received 5th, the fine arts 1st, and the social studies team 1st at the state meet.

In athletics there is no class division in any sport except football (which Hebron does not participate in). At the present time Hebron is competing on the varsity level in boy's and girls volleyball, boy's and girl's basketball, boy's and girl's track, boy's cross-country, and boy's base-

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ball. At other times in the past twenty years Hebron has had a varsity program in golf, wrestling and girl's gymnastics, but it currently does not support those sports. The boy's baseball team won a sectional in 1977. The boys volleyball team won the state title in 1987 and had a 17-2 record. The 1989 team was the boy's conference co-champions, with a 15-4 record. The boy's cross country team has also had a fine record over the years and in both 1988 and 1989 qualified for the semi-state. In 1989 they finished the regular season undefeated in dual meets with a 16-0 record.



1989 Cross Country Team 16-0

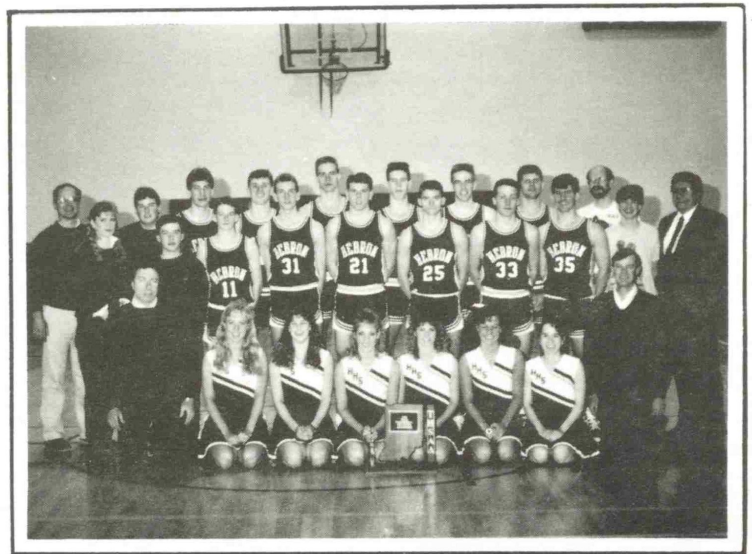
Semi-state Qualifier

1st row, l. to r.: Bill Centifanto, Ray Major-Goodman, John Schroeder, Geoff Thurner, Jeff Brooks, Tim Hutman, Ryker Johnson.

2nd row: Kevin Cleveland (assistant coach), Joe Sparacino, Amy Hastings, Shelly Miller, Lori Jenkins, Hugh Lytle, Kevin Centifanto, Bill Hague (assistant coach).

3rd row: Dave Walker (coach), Tim Neal, Chris Marks, Jay Starkey, John Spinks, Shawn Ryan, Lyle Ziants.

The school has had a boy's basketball team since 1915-1916 and has an overall record of 802-566 despite playing many schools much larger. The teams with the best records over the years were 1953-54 (22-3), 62-63 (20-3), 69-70 (21-2), 75-76 (22-4), 77-78 (20-5) 81-82 (21-2), 85-86 (20-4), and 89-90 (24-1). The teams in 1953, 54, 73, 74, 76, and 90 won sectionals. No team has passed the regional level. The 1989-90 team finished the season undefeated, winning the South Porter County Tourney, the Porter County Conference Tourney, and the sectional before losing to Fountain Cen-



1989-1990 Basketball Team 24-1

Sectional Winner

1st row, l to r: Dennis Foster (varsity Coach), Jenni Rhine, Erin Riley, Tammy Barrett, Michelle Yelachich, Jamie Klemz, Denise Sasser, Paul Robert Fry (j.v. coach).

2nd row: Susan Pendowski (manager), Eric Ingram (manager), Jim Britton, Joe Hoernig, Shawn Ryan, John Schroeder, Jeff Brooks, Joe Hoernig, Shawn Ryan, John Schroeder, Jeff Brooks, Jac Eldridge, Jeff Centifanto (j.v. manager), Donald Broughton (Principal).

3rd row: Gary DeSmet (freshman coach), Bob Schulte (manager), Ron Kobza, Ray Major-Goodman, Mark Brown, John Spinks, Bob Persin, Sean Price, Kevin Nichols (scorekeeper)

tral in the first game of the regional at Lafayette.

The early 1970's brought athletic competition to the girl's program also. The basketball team was in the championship game three of the first four years of the girl's sectional and won the sectional in 1977. The girls in 1977-78 won the Conference All-Sports trophy. The girl's volleyball team has been outstanding. They won sectionals in 1978, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86. In 1982 they were the regional champions and a semistate finalist (top 8 in the state) with a record of 22-8. The 85 and 86 teams were regional finalists.





Another Winning Team

Basketball team of 1929-30. Played 17 games and won 17 but lost to Chesterton at the Porter County tournament. Mrs. C. Warren (Ruth) Phillips was the coach.

1st row, l. to r.: Kathryn Beeker Foust, Coach Ruth Bicket Phillips, Lottie Lowman Johnson.

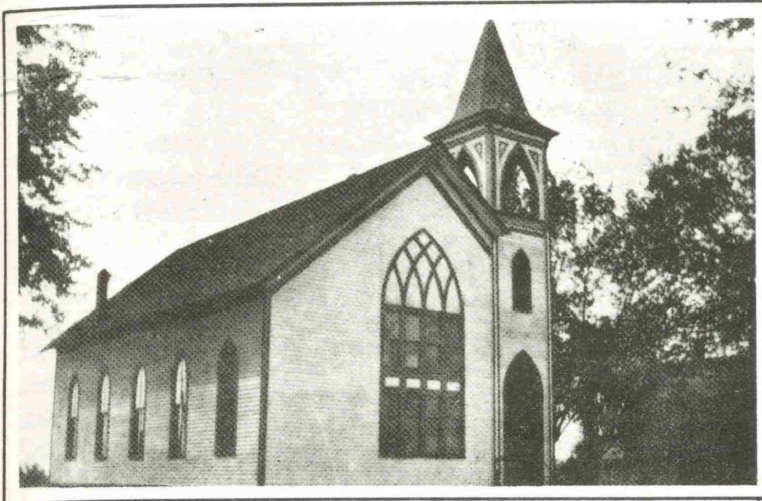
2nd row: Harriet Nichols Kaldahl, Evelyn Albertson Henders, Charlotte Norton Rigg, Mae Anderson Williams, Nollie Wilson Sweney, Esther Anderson Pierce, Helen Sparling Develin, Edna Thompson Williams and Signe Johnson Pals.

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HEBRON CHURCH COMMUNITY



HISTORY OF ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

302 N. Madison

In the 1870's the Hebron Catholics were served by clergy from St. Paul's Church, Valparaiso. The priest would travel to Hebron on horseback to visit and to baptize. Among those early families were the Connors, the Nolans and the Ryans. There are descendants of the Nolan and Ryan families attending St. Helen's Church today.

By the mid 1890's the Hebron Catholics were served by priests from St. Mary's Church of Crown Point. In the early 1920's, a priest accompanied by one altar boy would come by train once a month to Hebron. He would teach catechism. There would be an evening service at the home of Bernard Ryan and his sister, Julia. Very early the next morning, the priest would say Mass at the Ryan home.

By the mid 1920's, the Hebron Catholics were transferred to St. Mary's Church in Kouts where they remained until they were able to establish their own church, St. Helen's, in Hebron in 1946.

On Sunday, September 29, 1946, the parish of St. Helen's Catholic Church opened its doors. The building (located at 108 N. Jefferson) had formerly been occupied by the Presbyterians and the Catholics of Hebron had attended services at St. Mary's Church in Kouts where Father Kondziela was the pastor.

When the Presbyterians decided to sell their building, Father Kondziela began the work of acquiring it. The Rev. W.D. Williams, the Presbyterian Minister residing in Hebron, was a tremendous help. At this time Dr. Roscoe Blood and Alden Blood pledged almost enough money for the purchase of the building itself with the under-

standing that the church would be named St. Helen, in memory of their deceased wives, both of whom were named Helen.

In October, 1946 St. Helen's Church was dedicated with 300 people attending. Father Kondziela became the mission pastor of St. Helen's. He administered the first baptism to Rebecca Josephine Genovese on October 6, 1946, and performed the first marriage, between Julia Yankauskas and Clarence Gesse on November 16, 1946.

It was during Reverend Ambrose E. Switzer's pastorate that the Edward Berdine house adjacent to the church was bought to be used as a rectory. On June 11, 1954, the mortgage of the parish was burned.

The priests who have served at St. Helen's church have been:

Father Kondziela 1946-1947

Father Ambrose E. Switzer 1947-1954

Father Chester Zurawiec 1954-1956

Father Walter S. Mastey 1956-1958

Father James Stapleton 1958-1959

Father Joseph A. Klinker 1959-1964

Monsignor John Charlebois-administrator

Reverend John Burke-administrator

Father Abends-administrator assistant

Father Julian Jercha-administrator

Reverend John Bargielski-administrator

Father Charles Doyle-administrator assistant

Reverend Joseph P. Casey 1967-1975

Reverend Ambrose McGinnity 1975-1977

Reverend Matthew Kish 1977-1987

Reverend Derrick Dudash 1987-

In November of 1957, St. Helen's Parish purchased ten acres of land about a block and half northwest of the church. Father Walte Mastey and the parishioners had in mind the construction of a new Church, Hall and Rectory at some future date.

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On July 26, 1976 the parishioners decided to build a new hall which was completed in 1978 under Father Matthew Kish and dedicated Oct. 29, 1978. The hall has been an asset to the Hebron community. Also during Father Kish's years, St. Helen's Rectory was completed in 1987.

In 1987, Father Kish left St. Helen's and Father Derrick Dudash became the pastor. The need for a larger church had become apparent. In July 1987 the old church was sold to the Church of God of Prophecy. Pledges were made and fund raisers were held. Less than 2 years later, the new St. Helen's Church was dedicated on July 9, 1989 by Bishop Norbert F. Gaughan.

On June 17, 1989 the first wedding was in the new St. Helen's Church when Jean Loehmer and Tracy Overla pledged their vows before Father Dudash. At 4 p.m. that same day the First Mass was said by Father Dudash.

On July 1, 1989 the first baptism took place in the new church when Ryker Alan Stalbaum, whose parents are Timothy and Adrienne

(Yovanoff) Stalbaum was baptized by Father Dudash.

At the present time, St. Helen's has 280 families in its congregation.

St. Helen's has been fortunate in having three members of its congregation become priests. Father Joseph Hren, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hren (now deceased) was ordained June 5, 1947. Father Hren is a member of the Dominican Order and is a teacher at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, IL. Father David Yankauskas, son of Benedict and Virginia Yankauskas was ordained Dec. 31, 1988 at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Merrillville. Father David's brother Father Peter Yankauskas, was ordained Dec. 9, 1989 at St. Helen's Church. Both of these priests are members of the Oblate of the Virgin Mary Order and are serving an assignment of three years near Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The people of St. Helen's begin the 1990's on a note of optimism and thankfulness. Both the realization of a long cherished dream of a new church and the recent ordinations of two dedicated young priests are causes for joy and thanksgiving.



HEBRON CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY

202 E. Sigler

The Christian Church of Hebron, organized on September 12, 1877, in Sweeney's Hall, has grown from 32 to the present membership of 250.

The Missionary Society of the Christian Church was organized by Brother H. Williams who was

the minister from 1926-1929, and the missionary work has steadily grown through the years until at the present time twenty-five percent of the church's total budget goes to missions. Brother

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Lawrence Layman was the minister from 1939-1941 leaving the local ministry to serve for many years as a missionary in the Kiamichi Mountains for many years. He is currently working as an evangelist. Many Bible College students have been aided by the church. Phil Choate has gone into the Christian ministry, ministering with the Calumet Deaf Missions in Munster, IN; John Wineland is currently studying for his P.H.D. to teach in a Christian College or Seminary; Doug Marlow for many years worked at Ladoga Christian Children's Home; and Steve Marlow is presently in his internship in Christian psychology in Danville, IL. The church also contributes regularly to a number of the New Testament Colleges; the Chicago District Evangelistic Association in their work of financing and establishing new churches in the Chicago area; the Lake Region Christian Assembly Camp; Christian Television Mission; Pam Rampke serving with the Cookson Hills Children's Christian Home; Calumet Deaf Mission; Good New Productions, Int'l. headed by Ziden Nutt; Ray Schuh ministering in New York; William DeLaughter in Zimbabwe, Africa, and Indiana Christian Children's Home.

The first house of worship for this congregation was built in 1878 at a cost of \$1,200 and remodelled in 1910. Extensive work was done in the Twenties and Forties. In 1959 more work was done, moving the church back twenty feet, excavating

a full basement, new foundation, and redoing the auditorium. While this work was taking place, the congregation met in the high school auditorium for the services. Prior to the arrival of Brother Russell Tague and his family, the parsonage received a renovation with the installation of new carpeting, painting and adding closets, and enlarging the kitchen. In the mid-1980's the church underwent further remodeling with the replacement of the theater seats in the sanctuary with cushioned pews, new carpeting and the pulpit area reconstructed. The classrooms and fellowship hall also received renovation with the replacement of the curtain dividers with wooden dividers, carpeting and panelling.

The following list contains the names of the brethren who have served as ministers from 1936 to the present time:

1936-1937 Grant Blackwood

1937 Mr. Sayers

1938-1941 Lawrence Layman

1942-1943 Arthur Brewer

1943-1947 D.L. Waterworth

1948 Wallace Jones

1949-1956 Logan Dunham

1956-1958 Earl Shaw

1958-1965 Robert Tinsky

1965-1966 James Hardin

1966-1969 John Carter

1969-1972 Harold Clapp

1972-1977 Richard Winson

1977-1981 Byron Black

1981 Russel Tague





UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

202 W. Church

The United Methodist Church was involved in the history of Hebron at its beginning. The first Methodist circuit rider started coming to the Hebron area in 1835, holding meetings at Absolom Morris and Simeon Bryant. The site south of present day Hebron where those first meetings were held was called "Indian Town". The first circuit rider to come to Indian Town was Reverend Stephen Jones. During this time there was a steady increase in members resulting from the services which were held south of Hebron in the first school house to be built in that section. In 1837, a formal Methodist Episcopal society was organized at Hebron by the Reverend Jacob Colclasier. Even after this organization the services continued to be held in the log school house, which was fourteen feet square and without windows.

The next big advance in the Hebron Methodist Church was the erection of the first church building in 1844, when Reverend Warren Griffith was pastor and Reverend Chas. M. Holliday was Presiding Elder. The site of this building was half a mile south of Hebron on a little sand knoll, slightly west of the present highway. The building was sixteen by twenty feet and built of unhewn logs. Among the family names of these times appear the following: Morris, Dilley, Bryant, Gidley, Alyea, Doty, McAlpin, Berdine, Sampson, Herrick, and Sweney.

The year 1859 marked the erection of the second church building on a site donated by Eli and

D.T. Sigler to "John Gidley, John Gidley, Jr. Wm. H. Doyle, Edw. Allbright, and John Cornish, as trustees of the Methodist Church". That site serves as the location of the present day church building. The 1859 one room frame building measured fifty-six by thirty-two feet and cost one thousand dollars. Daniel Merris was the builder and among his helpers were Wm. Fisher, Joel Gilson and Thomas Rockwell. After the building ceased to be used for worship purposes in 1890, it was purchased by the Ladies Aid Society for \$200 and moved to the southwest corner of the church property and used as a community center. In 1896, it was sold to the Bryant, Dowd, and Co. for \$100 and moved two blocks to a site on West Sigler where it was used as a warehouse and implement store.

Some time between 1872 and 1875 the first musical instrument was introduced in church services. This was a melodeon owned by Aunt Curry Baker and lent to the Sunday School. The organists were Mrs. Kitty Bryant and Miss Anna Stineburg. The first organ for the Church was purchased in 1875 at a cost of \$75. For twenty years after its dedication the Church had no bell. In 1867 or 68 a bell was presented by Dr. J.K. Blackstone. He is reported to have said that he saw bells on churches in other places and felt Hebron could do as well. He paid \$90 for a bell which is still in service

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today on the present building.

In 1890, the charge reported 329 members and a Sunday School enrollment of 246. A new church seemed necessary and one was erected at a cost of \$3000. It consisted on an auditorium fifty six by thirty-two feet, with a large connecting Sunday School room and a vestibule under the tower. The building committee for that project was as follows: Harvey W. Bryant, Joseph Burgess, Timothy Serjeant, J. E. Bryant, Isaac Gilson, and Chas. F. Leeka. The builder was John Wilson and his helpers were Joshua Essex, George Meeks, Wm. Wilson, Dave Miller, and I.V. Fry.

The Church was again becoming overcrowded and in 1928 ground was broken by Mrs. Emma Bryant and Joseph Ensley Henderson. Work was started on July 31 under the supervision of I.V. Fry, who was assisted by his son Chuck Fry. The result was a remodeled and enlarged building costing \$17,500.

Membership in the Church in 1930 totaled 268 active members. In 1934, there were 359, growing to a total of 492 by 1935. Membership declined to 297 in 1940. By 1953, under the pastorship of W. Ray Kuhn, church membership had grown to 558.

Again, the church was added onto, getting a three floor, \$36,000 addition in 1956. Members of the building committee were as follows: Cecil Thurner, Walter Johnson, John DeKock, and Robert McGinley. Architectural plans were donated by Arvid Carlson, and the general contractor was Charles Fry. Masonry construction was performed by Malcolm Dinsmore with volunteer assistance from many members. Charles Stineburg did the plumbing, heating, and electrical work.

The Church celebrated 150 years in Hebron in 1985, during the pastorship of Lorin Clemenz, who held the pastorship at Hebron longer than any pastor before him. He served from 1977-87. During the church's bicentennial, a large quilt was constructed. Every family in the church provided a square which was sewn on the quilt. That quilt hangs in the fellowship hall. Another project that year was undertaken by Arne Kaldahl with assistance from his sister Ingrid Garvey and others. Many of the old family stained glass windows were resurrected from the attic and installed in the fellowship hall windows. Some new windows were added also.

Our current pastor is Terry Rhine and our church membership totals 376. Expansion of the church building has recently been considered but that possibility is now on hold.



ST. MICHAEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH U.A.C.

Sigler St. & County Line Rd

On July 22, 1974 the St. Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church was formulated to engage a part-time minister and to find a place to worship.

The first worship services were held at the Scout Cabin on October 6, 1974. Reverend Hugo Goetz, pastor of the Faith Lutheran Church, Gary,

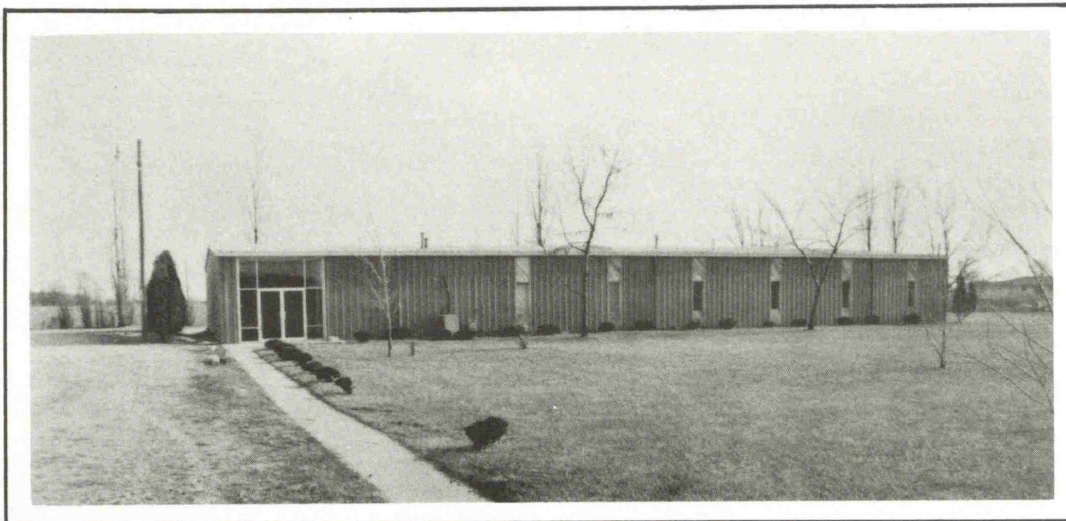
Indiana conducted the service attended by eighty-one persons. Services were held at the Scout Cabin until Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1974, when a communion service, was held in the Hebron United Methodist Church. A service was held at the Methodist Church every week while the new church was built.

The board of Trustees at that time were George Rust, Merrillville, IN; Robert Stars and Adelbert Dutcher, DeMotte, IN and Ken Patz, Jeff Matanich, Dan Schultz and Marvin Schultz all of Hebron, IN.

The church was formed with the help of the Calumet Lutheran Mission Association and is affiliated with the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

In 1977 a new church was build on County Line and Sigler Street and the mortgage was burnt in 1988. Pastor Frank Hill served as part-time pastor until 1979 when Pastor William R. Timmer was called to serve full time.

A new organ and the George Rust Memorial bell tower were dedicated in April 1986.



EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

885 S. State Road 231

Emmanuel Baptist Church, an independent fundamental church, was started on October 10, 1972, by thirty-four charter members who met at the Hebron High School for an organizational meeting. The group then began holding services in the Hebron School building, then the Porter Crossroads building and in the Stage Coach Inn before moving to their permanent home.

On September 15, 1974, the congregation moved into their new building which is erected south of Hebron on Highway 231. The land was

donated by John & Beverly IntVeld and the building was under the direction of a committee composed of John IntVeld, Lee Duck, Walter Stockman and Wayne Lee.

The first pastor to serve was Thomas Forrester. Then in 1974 Howard Dillabaugh became their interim pastor and then became their full time pastor. In 1981 to 1985 Boucher Sturdy served as pastor and from 1985 Greg Hon is the full time pastor.



HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

312 No. Madison

The Hebron Baptist Church was started early in 1955 through the work of a man from Merrillville, Mr. Albert Mickelos. The church first met in a home and as the congregation grew, services moved to the Old American Legion building on Hwy. 2 and subsequently purchased the building and held services there.

On August 2, 1973, the church moved to its present location in the east side of Crest Knoll subdivision. At first the services were held in a tent,

but on Thanksgiving Day the tent was taken down and services were held in the new building.

The pastors of the church have been:

Reverend Dan Shatz 1955-1957
 Reverend Albertson 1957-1960
 Reverend Don Krise 1960-1965
 Reverend Lester Burkey 1965-1982
 Reverend Mark Miklos 1982-1984
 Reverend Richard Kilian 1984- (interim Pastor)



HEBRON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

515 Park Rd and Hwy 231

The Hebron Assembly of God Church was started in 1952 by the Reverend Gerald Dewlen, and services were first held on North Main Street in a remodeled garage.

With the growth of the congregation under the leadership of Reverend Don Brown and the Reverend Elmer Marrone, a large building was soon needed and in 1957 property in Crest Knoll Subdivision was purchased from Mr. Virgil King for a church site.

During the years of 1957 and 1958, a new church forty feet wide and seventy feet long was constructed under the direction of Reverend Kelso Allen.

Families instrumental in the formation of the

church were: Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Kaysen, Mr. & Mrs. James Hullihan Mr. & Mrs. Mearl Cavinder, Mr. & Mrs. Elroy Hershmea, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Nells Lawrence, and Ms. Opal Cavinder.

Other pastors have been:

1963-1965 Reverend Eugene Dayka
 1966-1967 Reverend Danny Cuffle
 1967-1973 Reverend Howard Haberle
 1973-1978 Reveend Walter Hamelick
 1978-1979 Reverend Richard Oliver
 1979-1981 Reverend Jerry Grimes
 1981- Reverend Larry E. Concus

The Assembly of God Church has the motto of "You're never a stranger and a guest only once."



THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

108 North Jefferson

The Church of God of Prophecy, a wooden framed country church with beautiful stained glass windows and a bell tower rising above the entryway, is situated on the corner of Jefferson and Alyea streets in Hebron. The building was constructed in 1879.

The Church, with World Headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, began in Hebron as a Mission Church on October 5, 1975. It operated as a mission, holding services at the local Scout Cabin and for a short time at the Stagecoach Inn, until it was organized in 1977.

Rev. Marge Taulbee was appointed as the pastor of the Mission by the State Overseer. In August of 1976, Rev. Rick Wood became pastor of

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the Mission. The Church was organized during Rev. Wood's pastorate by Rev. W. R. Passmore on June 26, 1977. Rev. Marge Taulbee pastored the Church for one year before Rev. George Kozaites became pastor in August of 1978.

As the congregation grew, property was purchased two miles south of Hebron on Highway 231. A parsonage with a full basement was built on the property. The basement was finished and equipped with Sunday School rooms so that services could be held there until the Sanctuary could be built. Rev. Glen Skiver was then appoint-

ed and served the congregation three years. In August of 1985, Rev. M. Wayne Vanover, the present pastor, was appointed.

In the fall of 1987, the Church sold the property south of town and purchased the building formerly known as St. Helens. A special Dedication and Mortgage Burning service was held, December 13, 1987.

We welcome the community to join our congregation in worship. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Children's Church is provided for children ages 2-11. Mid-week Bible Study and Youth Services are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.



CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

687 W. 650 S.

On February 22, 1981, the Valparaiso Ward of the Church decided that it was time to divide its membership into more small, local areas. At that time, the Hebron Branch was formed. A building had to be found quickly for meetings to be held. For lack of something better, and considering the small membership, the Pizza Cellar was rented and on March 1, 1981, the first meeting was held with Bishop Bill Tuttle at the helm. In July of 1982, a new facility was required as the branch grew. Lyle Stoelting, the new Branch President, found and helped us move to the Indian Trail Grange.

As the growth continued, it became possible to consider building our own chapel. Ron and Joyce Gorringer of Naperville, IL., donated the land for the building on 650 S. in Hebron. On a breezy

Nov. day, 1984, ground was broken for the new building. Due to a mild winter, construction was completed in early August, 1985. Prior to our first meeting in the new facility, over 2,000 hours of volunteer labor went into landscaping and preparation of the new building.

The first meeting was held on September 1, 1985. Since that time, membership has grown to just under 300 in Hebron and the surrounding areas. Visitors are always welcome to attend any meeting. At this time, the Branch is headed by Glen Wade, of Hebron, John Lindemer of Crown Point, and Lyman Tracy of Crown Point. The membership takes in a large area of Porte Co., part of Jasper Co., and part of Lake Co.



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

North Main Street

The denomination which is called the Church of the Nazarene emerged from the American Holiness Movement of the 19th century. It was formed in Pilot Point, Texas in 1908 after several smaller "holiness" denominations merged. The Hebron Church of the Nazarene was started in 1982 by Rev. Roger Outler and his wife Lynette in the home of Charles & Linda Beavers. Soon thereafter it was moved into the former "The Hitching Post Mall" at 131 N. Main. Three families comprised the congregation at that time: The Beavers family, the Larry Richmond Family, and the Dirk Sandberg Family.

In November 1982 the church moved into the "Pizza Cellar", or the basement of Osby's Water at 113 N. Main. It was there that many more families began attending. After the presiding ecclesiastical authorities recognized the fact that this church had a potential for growth and ministry, it was officially granted recognition as a church on Oct. 23, 1983.

Pastor Outler left for Illinois, and a new pastor, Rev. D.C. Pugh came to minister. In the spring of 1987 he left for Indianapolis. Dr. John Wright suc-

ceeded him. Under the leadership of Pastor Wright, the church bought a ranch style home on north main street. It was converted into a house of worship, complete with a fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery and three Sunday School class rooms. In the summer of 1988 Dr. Wright left to begin a teaching assignment at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. He was succeeded by Rev. Paul Litten II. The church has an average attendance of 32, but has the potential for twice that many. The potential for ministry is also great.

The Church of the Nazarene is very similar in doctrine to Methodism. However, our denominational uniqueness is found in our emphasis on the doctrine of holiness. We encourage and expect our members to live, as we say in churchly language, 'holy lives and to seek a holy heart'. By that we mean to say that our members should do their best to exemplify a Christlikeness in all that they say and do. We believe that the means to this end is found not only in a daily personal effort, but also through a conversion like crisis in which the Holy Spirit imparts to the Christian the necessary power to live up to this end.

RANGE LINE CHURCH

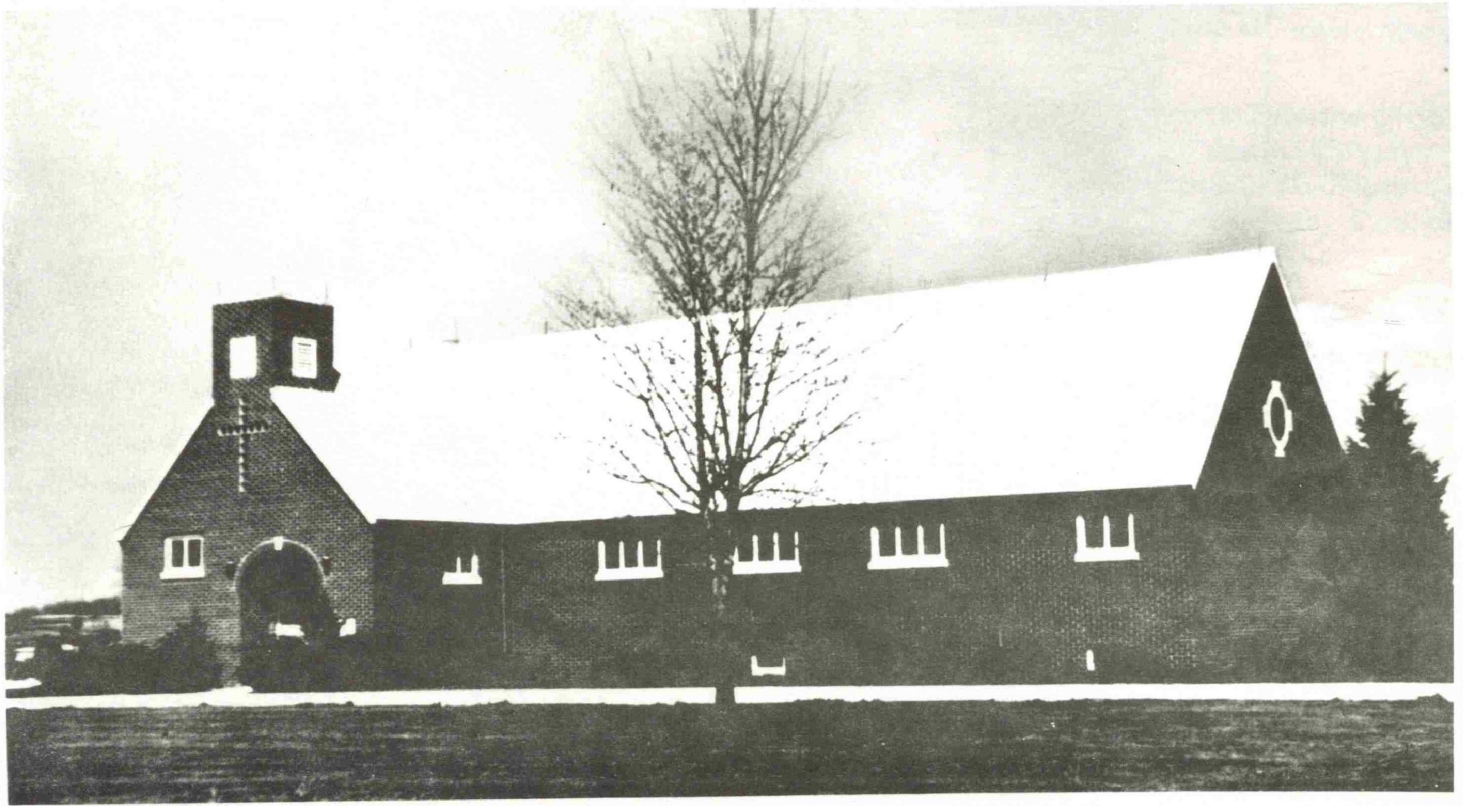
18221 Clay St.

The organization of the Range Line Church came about as the outgrowth of a small Sunday School, which met originally in the home of a dedicated and devout Christian, Mrs. William Bigger. As this group outgrew the home, they started meeting in the one room school house known

then as the Range Line School, which was located about a mile south of the present church building.

The Presbyterian Board of National Missions became interested, and provided preaching services for a period of years, conducted by Rev. I.M. Hauser. Finally, in response to a petition signed by 73 petitioners, the formal organization of the congregation took place on June 21, 1921. This meeting was under the auspices of the Logansport Presbytery, with Rev. Hauser as the organiz-

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ing minister. He served about a year thereafter.

Then, for a period of years, the pulpit was supplied by ministerial students who came out on week-ends from what was then known as McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Each would serve about a year. With such intermittent leadership and other circumstances, the church had a struggle to keep up interest and membership. Attendance and finances dropped to an all time low in the thirties and early forties. But for the loyalty and dedication of a few members, the church would have closed its doors at that time.

Then, in 1942, Rev. W.D. Williams, a retired Presbyterian minister, came on the scene. He practically donated his services, and he gave more than his services. He gave hope and inspiration to a dying congregation. Under his leadership, the Sunday School grew to such proportions (90-100) that additional class rooms were needed. In 1947, a wing was built on to the original one room school house. In a few years, the congregation was bursting its seams.

In 1951, a new idea was born in the minds of some of the members, a new church building! A gift of land from the J.M. Pearce family settled the question of a building site. However, it had been decided by the congregation, that they

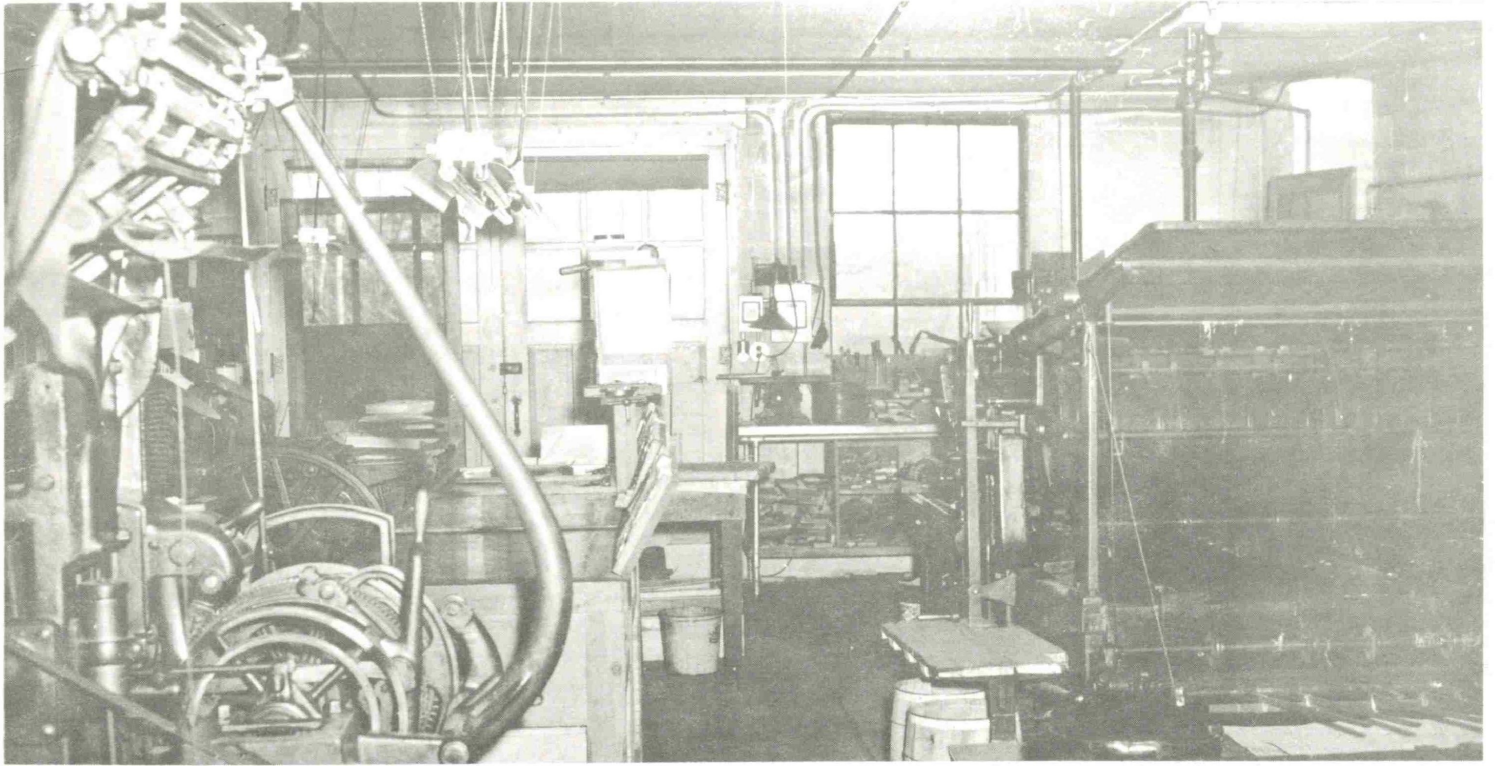
would like to have a full time pastor living on the field. Hence, they would need a place for him to live. The decision was made to build a manse first, which was completed in 1953. Rev. Otis McMullen became the first full time minister. In the meantime, work was begun on the new church building. The laying of the cornerstone was in 1954.

On Feb. 13, 1955, the closing services were held in the building which had served as a meeting place for the Church and Sunday School for more than forty years. The first regular services were held in the new building on Feb. 20, 1955, with a formal dedication service on April 24, 1955. The burning of the mortgage took place on April 28, 1957.

The church has continued to operate with full time pastors since 1953 with a full program of activities being carried on for youth and adults. The church has, from time to time, made its facilities available to other community groups, such as 4H Clubs and Extension Homemakers. Currently, a group of Alcoholics Anonymous uses the building for their weekly meetings.

The Range Line Presbyterian Church is the only church of any denomination in the township. However, it draws it's membership from a much wider area and looks forward to meeting the challenge of serving the needs of the people in these changing times.

BUSINESSES



Back view of the Porter County Herald in the early 1950's.

PORTER COUNTY HERALD

111 No. Main

Hebron's newspaper, which was first published in 1878 and had the title of the NEWS PRESS, had been published under different names. Since 1900 there have appeared the HEBRON NEWS, THE HEBRON HERALD and the present PORTER COUNTY HERALD.

In 1936 the editor of the PORTER COUNTY HERALD was Mr. Martin Tornquist, who, in 1941, built the modern building on Main Street and moved the newspaper offices into it. The newspaper is presently housed in this same office building, although in 1952 a large addition was built on the east end.

Under Mr. Tornquist's editorship there were two part time employees, Majorie (Faxon) Riggs, three days a week, and George Garver, two days a week. The PORTER COUNTY HERALD was then a four page weekly newspaper with 580 subscribers. Mr. Tornquist also did a small amount of commercial printing.

On July 12, 1948, Maurice and Catherine Mason purchased the building and business. At that time the subscription list grew to two thousand and the paper consisted of twelve to sixteen pages weekly. Mr. and Mrs. Mason both worked at the newspaper office during their ownership.

A partial list of other employees of the PORTER COUNTY HERALD during the Mason ownership included: Bernard Martin, Russell Franzman, Don Fickle, Terry Yeagley, Gene Robey, Elsie Corwin, Marty McIntire, Helen Woolridge, Velma Dierking and Edith Viant.

The employees also included: Geraldine Cornell, Donna (Murphy) Wagner, Sharon (Murphy) Casbon, Joe Neeley, Harry Corwin, Steve Kimmel, Cindy (Mason) Kimmel, Ronnie Hough, Robert Mason, Bobbie Jean (Hough) Clinton, Elaine Douglas, Marcella Mason, Robert Thompson and Allan Hoagland.

Also included were: Richard Patrick, Ann (Milenki) Mikalowski, Carol Rae (Pratt) Pieffer, Bob McGill, Wimberly McGill, Kate (Anderson) DeFries, Jeanne Martin, Mary Ann Schultz, Darryl Schultz, Myra B. Miller, Nita Van Der Zee and Bert Mason, Jr.

In addition, the employees included: Dick Schumacker, Donna Hayes, Vicky (Fickle) Fisel, Teresa (Hessling) Cervik, Patti McIntire, Renee Richardson, Ed Pawlak, William Rhodes, John Harmon and Wilma Knopf.

On September 2, 1948, the Masons announced

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the first "Letters to the Editor" policy. This feature was used and praised by many of its subscribers. It was the first time readers views had been published in the PORTER COUNTY HERALD.

The newspaper also used its columns to promote civic projects and, in conjunction with the Hebron Commercial Club, was able to secure new street signs for Hebron. The first one was erected on December 30, 1948.

On July 14, 1950, the owners of this newspaper published the first edition of the KOUTS TIMES and retained ownership of this weekly newspaper. It grew to a subscription list of more than one thousand and averaged ten to twelve pages weekly.

Another community project spearheaded by the newspaper was a local Blood Typing Program. Prior to the completion of this project, the hospital would call for blood donors of a certain type blood and two or three car loads of people would have to go to the hospital in order to find two or three donors of the proper type. In cooperation with a group of local organizations, Mr. Mason secured the services of Gary Clinical Laboratory owned by Mr. Jennens.

On Saturday, February 4, 1950, a FREE blood typing program was held at the Hebron School. The program was a huge success. From 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock and 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock 402 local people had their blood typed. In fact, Mr. Jennens didn't anticipate such a response and had to go back to his office for more supplies.

Following the typing program Jennens said that, "Hebron and vicinity can now boast the largest and most complete list of voluntary blood-types in this area". He went on to say, "That statement includes hospitals".

Lists of blood types were compiled with names and phone numbers. The "Master List" stayed in the safe at the PORTER COUNTY HERALD office and copies were put on file at the drug store, funeral home and the office of Dr. Kleinman. The list was used continuously for more than twenty years.

Another first was the May 11, 1950, issue. It was completely written and edited by a group of students from Hebron High School. Mr. Mason followed this policy once a year for a number of years.

Probably one of the biggest community projects undertaken by Mason and the PORTER COUNTY HERALD was to secure the widening of four (4)

one-lane bridges between Hebron and Kouts.

On January 11, 1951, using the editorial columns of the newspaper and securing the cooperation of the Kouts Chamber of Commerce and the Hebron Commercial Club, Mr. Mason was able to convince the Indiana State Highway Commission to not only widen the bridges but, also, to improve the highway.

Upon learning in 1955 that the town had not been conducting regular Town Board elections, the newspaper championed a Town Board election on November 8, 1955. It was the first town election in many years. Prior to that, if a member of the Town Board quit or died, the other members appointed a replacement member.

In 1962, the newspaper changed its publication process and became one of the first weekly newspapers in the State of Indiana to start publishing by the offset method of printing. This was a completely different process that required an outlay of a considerable amount of money for the new equipment.

Besides changing the printing process of the newspaper, the owners also added new offset printing presses and related equipment to their commercial printing. They were now able to offer their customers both letterpress and offset printing.

The newspapers belong to the Hoosier State Press Association, the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association, and the National Newspaper Association. Mr. Mason is a past president of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association and has been an active member of the HSPA.

The PORTER COUNTY HERALD promoted community projects, current and future, and kept in touch with the past by publishing numerous articles regarding Hebron's past history on various occasions. Several columns were published in the newspaper at various times, both humorous and informative, including: Headin' for the Post Office; Birthday Notes; Those in Service; Long, Long Ago; Exchange Desk; Recipes; and T 'N T, which was written by Mr. Mason for many years and became a favorite feature of many subscribers, including "Ding-a-ling".

After 50 years in the newspaper business and 32 years of ownership of the PORTER COUNTY HERALD, the Masons decided to retire. On January 1, 1980, they sold the PORTER COUNTY HERALD and KOUTS TIMES businesses to the Vidette-Messenger of Valparaiso. They retained ownership of the newspaper buildings.

In November of 1985, the Vidette Messenger Publishing Company sold its businesses, including the HERALD and TIMES, to Thomson Newspapers, Inc.

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA TELEPHONE COMPANY

205 No. Washington

Alexander Graham Bell never dreamed of the impact that his invention would have on society, or the demand that it would make on the people who make it their business to bring this service to the public. Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company, Inc. drew its first breath on January 1, 1939 when the Hebron Telephone Company was purchased by George Mussman and his son, Robert Mussman. Shortly thereafter in 1944 the family acquired the DeMotte/Roselawn Telephone Company and changed the name to Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company. In 1952 the Hebron Telephone Company and Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company merged into the beginning of what today is serving 8200 customers and five exchanges: Roselawn, Mt. Ayr, DeMotte, Lakes of the Four Seasons and Hebron.

During the early years the main switchboard was located in a residence on Main Street in Hebron where state-of-the-art communications consisted of switchboard operators and ring code communications for the parties on the line. As people began to move to the country and technology changed, Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company rose to meet this challenge as early as 1955. As well as bringing one of the first

rotary dial systems into parts of Lake and Porter County, Northwestern moved into its then modern switching center and business office at 301 N. Washington. Over the next 20 years this single story red brick structure was to witness other technological changes such as direct dialing long distance and touch tone calling to only mention a few.

To handle the evergrowing migration to the suburbs, the Hebron exchange began to expand to the point where a new switching office was required and Northwestern was again required to meet a new challenge. In 1970, Lakes of the Four Seasons switching office was built to offer improved service to this new community along with Lake Eliza and rural Porter County residents. This was only the beginning because soon to follow in 1976 was the need to expand the Hebron business office and switch facilities to its present structure at 205 N. Washington Street. In 1979, the DeMotte exchange was divided to form the new Roselawn exchange.

By the 80's it became apparent that the communications industry was going to have to brace itself for the most dramatic changes in prices, services and policies since the Communications Act of 1934. January 1, 1984 the telephone industry was deregulated, and Northwestern once again fell back on its best resources, its employees, to begin planning how it would provide communications and services to its customers into the 90's and beyond.

HEBRON CITIZENS BANK FIRST NATIONAL BANK

11 WEST SIGLER

The Hebron Branch of the First National Bank, Valparaiso, was until they merged in 1975, the Hebron Citizens Bank, which first opened for business in September, 1889, as a private bank, has undergone tremendous growth since 1936. The bank was admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve System in 1937 and given a permanent charter in 1947.

In 1955 the bank was still located on Main and Sigler Streets: and since the building was only twenty feet wide and offered little operating space, the directors purchased the Cross property at the corner of Sigler and Washington Streets for the purpose of constructing a new bank building. An open house celebrating the completion of the facility was held on May 20, 1956 and a second open house was held on September of 1956 to celebrate the banks seventy-five years of continuous service to the Hebron Community.

The bank has been indeed fortunate in being

able to remain open and to serve the community continuously for a period of eight-five years. During the serious depression in the 1930's the depositors remained loyal to the bank and agreed not to make substantial withdrawals. The directors borrowed money from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in order to continue operations, and in 1941 the loan was paid in full.

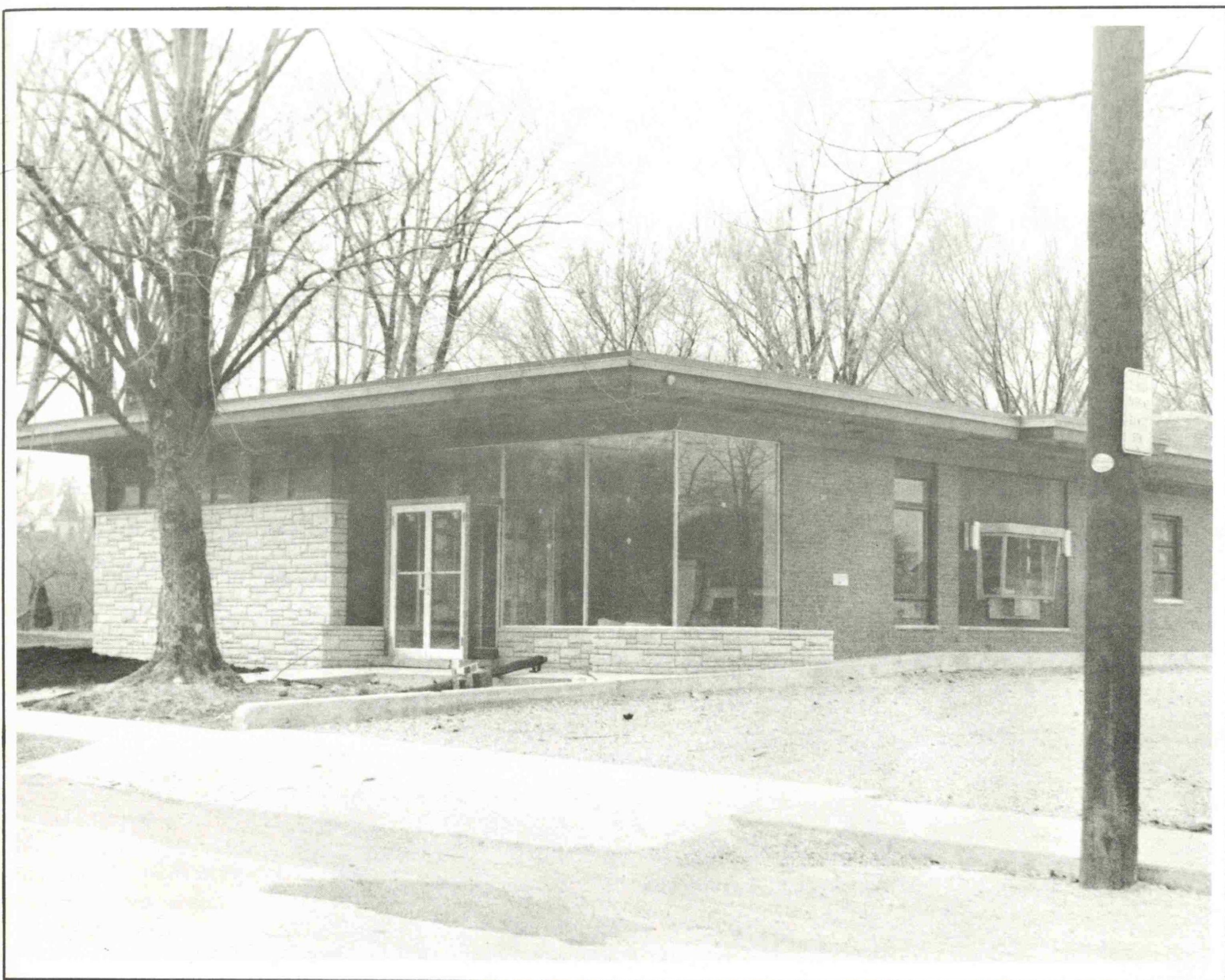
Since the merger in 1975, the branch has enjoyed a steady growth and several internal improvements: the accounts have been computerized, two more drive-ups have been added, and also additional facilities in the basement. Deposits at Hebron have grown to \$29,407,000 as of August, 1989.

The superior investments, trust and other facilities of the parent have made for better service to its patrons, as is shown by the fact that First National Bank, Valparaiso is now the largest independent bank in Porter County, in 1989, celebrating its hundredth year in business.

Patrick J. McGinley-Manager
Suzanne Fickle-Assistant Vice President



Citizen's Bank, corner of Main Street & Sigler til 1956 when Bank moved to the corner of Washington & Sigler to a modern building.



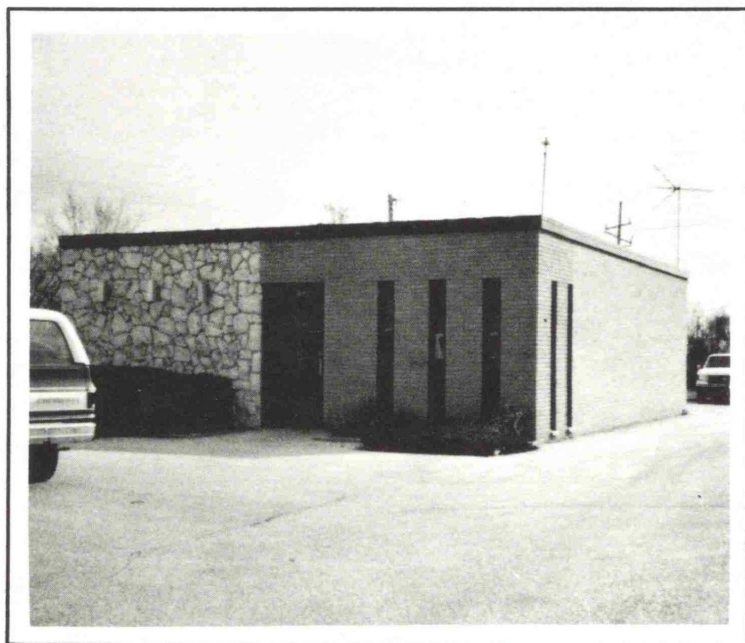
The Citizen's Bank, now First National Bank located on corner of West Sigler and Washington, built in 1956.

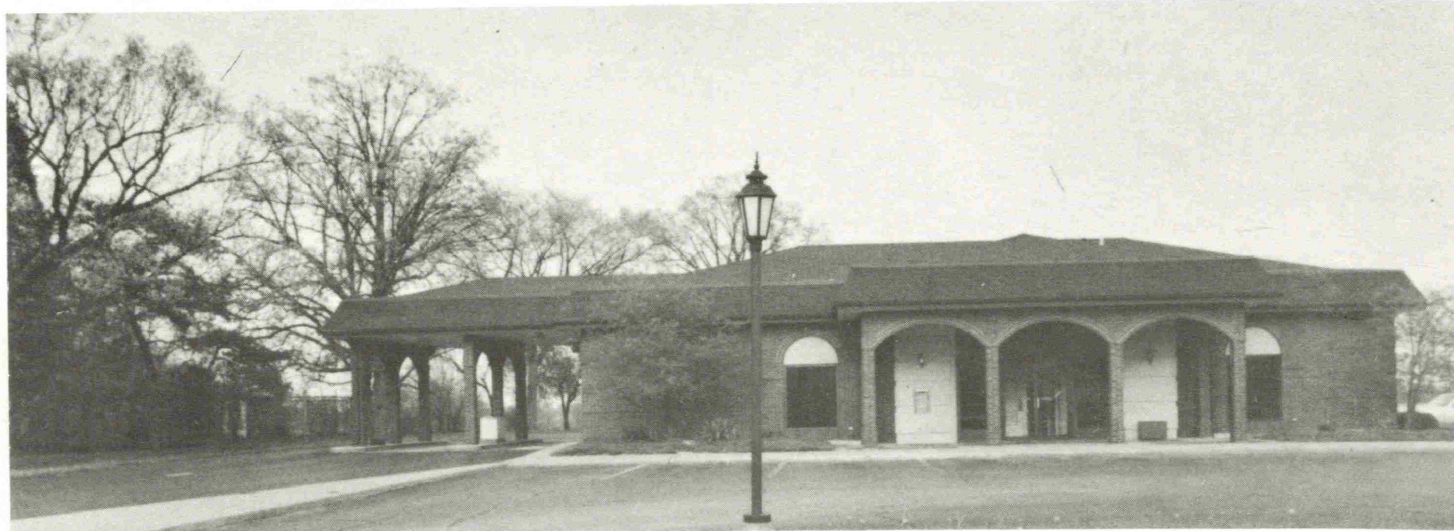
FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF INDIANA

201 No. Main

First known by the name "Steel City Savings Bank", this bank opened its doors in 1974. The property on which the building stands was purchased from the Regan family.

Its name was changed in 1976 to First Federal.
The branch manager is Marcia Johnson.





GAINER BANK

507 So. Main

In 1976 Northern Indiana Bank & Trust branched into the Hebron area with a building at 507 S. Main Street. Banking center Managers were Dan Grass, Jim Bunning, Mark Baird, Gladys Moore and Loretta Fleming.

In 1987 the bank was bought by Gainer Bank with June Steffel as their Bank Center Manager.

The bank is one of 39 offices with a total assets of \$1,357,405,074. It has been listed as one of the top safest banks in Indiana.

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ELECTRIC

The modern NIPSCO operation of 1990 is a far cry from the electrical system found in Hebron after the World War I.

It is interesting to note that in 1919 the electrical company was located on Indiana Routes 8 & 231 where the public service company still has a transformer bank. The building was made of hollow, square tiles, covered approximately 2000 square feet and was easily accessible to rail service which shipped in fuel oil by tank cars directly to the power plant.

Because of a minimum of voltage, street lights were used only from dark until 10 o'clock; and all electrical service was discontinued after midnight. Everyone was notified at 11:50 p.m. by two short cuts in the power that power would be shut off in ten minutes. This "big plant" was run from dark to midnight, and the stand-by rig operated from 6 a.m. to dusk. Because of this rather limited service, electric power was limited to the incorporated limits of the town. In 1921 electrical demands grew and a really big plant was shipped in from an abandoned coal mine in southern Illinois. It was 150 H.P. three cylinder Fairbanks direct connected engine and generator. At this time the franchise was owned by the Monterey Heat, Light and Power Company.

With the addition of electrical service to the

towns of Kouts, and Boone Grove, the equipment became overtaxed and difficult and expensive to maintain, and finally the Valparaiso Light Company in 1922 brought the franchise. Soon the Valparaiso Company was taken over by the growing Northern Indiana Public Service Company. The chief engineer in Hebron from its beginning to its end was Ed Alyea who retired from NIPSCO in 1959. He was ably assisted by Earl Hiatt who lived across from the plant and who helped operate, maintain and improve the equipment until his retirement.

During the 1930's all electricity supplied to Hebron, Kouts, and Boone Grove areas was generated in East Chicago. The transmission voltage was 3 phase at 13,200 volts and was transmitted on the line that was built in 1922 and 1923. It is interesting to note that the route of this line is still used today, but the line has been completely rebuilt, it is not the same voltage, nor does it supply the towns as it once did. Hebron is supplied with 69,900 volts at the Hebron substation or Liberty Park Substation at Crown Point. The electric generating stations located at the following: Mitchell Generating Station in Gary, Bailly Generating Station in Michigan City and Schaffer Generating Station in Wheatfield, Indiana. Station in Michigan City and Schaffer Generating Station in Wheatfield, Indiana.

ORGANIZATIONS

HEBRON FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Hebron Fortnightly Club is one of the oldest clubs in Hebron. It was organized in 1911 as a social and personal improvement club. In 1937 it became affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Club.

One of the greatest contributions of the organization occurred in September 1917 when the club ladies purchased the present site of the Hebron Public Library for \$1300.00. On September 14, 1917 the club received \$7500.00 from the Carnegie Corporation for the establishment of the library.

From 1957 to 1967 Viva Childs, a long time member of the club, played an important roll in the Federation as she progressed from the President of the 10th District to President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

Through the years the club has supported numerous civic projects. It has raised funds for the Vernon Childs Memorial Park, supports the library and at present offers an annual \$200.00 scholarship each spring to a college student.

Present officers are: Sally Allen and Faith Kovach who share the office of President; Beverly DePra, Vice President; Joan Bell, Secretary and Jo Foster, Treasurer.

HISTORY OF THE HEBRON JAYCEES

The Hebron Jaycees are a non-profit organization whose goal is to improve personal growth and to develop leadership training in each member while providing solutions to community problems. Jaycees are involved in programs of national and international interest, as well as programs to meet specific local community needs.

On February 26, 1966, Harry Brown was installed as the first President of the Hebron Jaycees.

The charter members were:

Harry Brown	Norman Love
James Phillips	William Ihnat
Roger Wilson	Larry Saylor
Richard Burkhalter	John Hunter
Theodore Fitzgerald	Byron Garlock
Larry Cramer	Dick Johnson
Don Kennedy	Gary Kersey
John Ross	John Press
Kenneth Hough	James Morrow
Roger Asher	Herbert McMahon
Robert Williamson	

During the past 24 years the Hebron Jaycees have produced many new and creative ways to serve their community. A highlight of their accomplishments includes:

- 1967 Hired and paid the salary of an adult school crossing guard.
- 1975 1983 Coordination and supervision of Boys Baseball Program.
- 1976 Restoration of the Public Library steps.
- 1977 Construction of 20'x30' Park Shelter near the United Methodist Church.
- 1980 Installed the Community Information Sign on Main Street.
- 1986 Constructed a 40'x60' addition to the existing Community Center.
- **** Generated \$50,000 plus through benefits to assist local families during their time of serious financial need.

Presently their annual projects include:

Wayne Fry Memorial Scholarship
4th of July Parade Co-ordinator
Provide the weekly meeting site for seniors.
Furnish the distribution site for food commodities
Sponsor a program to supply food and toys to needy families at Christmas.
Host a Children's Christmas Party.
Co-ordinate the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

The Hebron Jaycees also sponsor programs that help to improve specific areas of their individual member's lives--Family life, Financial Planning and Personal, Leadership and Time Dynamics. Through the years, they have found that the most important aspect of the Hebron Jaycees is people - and friends. As Jaycees, they believe they can make a difference for a brighter tomorrow.

As the Hebron Jaycees celebrate their 25th anniversary, they are proud to help the Town of Hebron celebrate their Centennial. They are looking forward to enjoying many more years in partnership with this great community working for the future, together.

1989-90 Officers are:

Michael Andrews-President
Jim Shelhart-Management V.P.
Linda Mattingly-I.D.V.P.
Darcy Devries-C.D.V.P.
JoEllen Shelhart-Secretary
Larry Gibson-Treasurer
Chris Campolatarra-State Director

Past Presidents of the Hebron Jaycees:

1966-67 Harry Brown
1967-68 Gordon Roeske
1968-69 John Bryant

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HEBRON JAYCEES

PAST PRESIDENTS

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1969-70	John Blank
1970-71	Dave Hickman
1971-72	Bob Mason
1972-73	Dick Bell
1973-74	Don Fry
1974-75	Richard Stalbaum
1975-76	Bob Hoernig
1976-77	Ray Bales
1977-78	Marvin Tanner
1978-79	Mark Griffey
1979-80	Bob Steffel
1980-81	Owen Betz
1981-82	Clinton Patrick
1982-83	Tom Hardesty
1983-84	Gary Hofferth
1984-85	Fred Siminski
1985-86	Bud Schroader
1986-87	Gary Davis
1987-88	Thom Rumford
1988-89	Karen Bell
1989-90	Mike Andrews
1990-91	Jim Shelhart

HEBRON CHAPTER NO. 119

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Hebron chapter No. 119 Order of the Eastern Star was the first chapter to be organized in the county followed by chapters organized in Valparaiso and Chesterton. The Hebron Chapter was constituted on April 28, 1892, they had thirty charter members. The first worthy matron was Carrie Hubbard and the first worthy patron was George C. Gregg.

The original name of the chapter was the Spencer Baker Chapter, but this was changed in 1935 to the Hebron Chapter No. 119.

In 1955, Virgil O. King was grand worthy Patron.

The present membership is one hundred seventy and the meetings are held in the Masonic Temple, 110 N. Main, Hebron, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month except April and December have only one meeting. There are no meetings in July or August.

One of the main philanthropical projects is the financial support given to the Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana.

Officers in 1989-90 are Worthy Matron, Louise Luchene and Worthy patron, Don Luchene.

MASONIC LODGE

The Hebron Lodge No. 502 and Accepted Masons was constituted in May, 1875, and has grown to its present membership of over two hundred members. Membership is made by petition of males, age 21 or over and of good moral character.

The lodge practices under the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana whose main principles include brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The principal charity of the lodge is the Masonic Home located at Franklin, Indiana, and the hospital.

The Hebron Lodge had a rededication of the Masonic Temple on 110 N. Main Street of Hebron on June 14, 1975, the one-hundredth anniversary of Progress in Hebron.

The Lodge meets the first Monday of each month and is governed by Worshipful Master and his elected and appointed officers.

The first Master in 1936 was Olo E. Nichols. In 1990 August H. Amburgey is the Master.

MARGARET BRYANT-BLACKSTONE D.A.R.

A group of ladies from Hebron and Lowell met November 22, 1928 at the Connor Bryant farm on Road No. 2 south-west of Hebron to organize two D.A.R. Chapters. These two have since been known as the "Twin Chapters".

The local chapter was named for the first white girl born in Boone Township, Margaret Jane Bryant. She later married Dr. John Blackstone.

The chapter meets the second Tuesday in the Stage Coach Inn. There are approximately forty members. To be eligible the applicant must be a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War Veteran. Those assisting in the organization of the local chapter were Miss Nettie I. Bryant, Mrs. Henry Hogan, Mrs. Harry Folsom and Mrs. Giles Aylesworth. The latter suggested the name of the chapter.

Each of the 2983 chapters located in the fifty states, governed by the national Society of Washington, D.C. assists in Americanism, Indiana Schools, Conservation, Good Citizens, D.A.R. schools and many other projects.

The chapter placed a Bronze marker commemorating the birth place of Margaret Jane Bryant Blackstone on November 12, 1985. The birthplace was the former George Bryant farm two miles south of Hebron.

V.F.W. POST 2251-HEBRON

On April 13, 1983 fifteen local veterans gathered in the American Legion Hall to form a Veterans of Foreign Wars post. V.F.W. posts are made up of dedicated Americans who have served their country in combat areas during war times.

The object of this post was, and is, to foster fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational causes. It is the post's goal to promote allegiance to the United States government; to perpetuate the memory and history of all (not just V.F.W. members) who served honorably in our Armed Forces; and to strengthen comradeship among its members.

In August, 1983 the post honored one of Hebron's war heroes who gave his life over Germany during World War II, by adopting the post name Don Alyea Memorial.

Over the past seven years Post 2251 has made annual donations to the Childrens' Home sponsored by the national Veterans of Foreign Wars; it has helped financially a small number of Veterans or local residents finding themselves in an emergency position.

The post has prepared and delivered food baskets for needy families in this area at Christmas. It has contributed generously to various causes promoted by our high school students. It has given flags to Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and to Webelos to use during their ceremonies. The post has sponsored local softball and T-ball teams.

The post has appeared in Hebron parades with floats and color guard. Members of this group have made countless hospital visits and participated in memorial services outside the Hebron area.

Presently the post is working toward construction of a memorial for all veterans. This memorial will be situated in down-town Hebron and will be turned over to town of Hebron during its Centennial celebration.

Officers for 1990 are:

Commander, Wilfred Wagner, Sr.; Vice Commander, Evert Bach; Vice Commander, Harry Hermansen; Quartermaster, Cliff Sheets; Adjutant, Donald Beel; Chaplain, Andrew Charters; Service Officer, Thomas Rose; Trustee 3 year- Thaddeus Piekarz; 2 year trustee, Pete Sopko; 1 year trustee, Theodore Lasayko.

MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II UNIT 126

In 1950 Mrs. Margaret Johnson and a few mothers met in September to discuss formation of the Mothers of World War II. Membership in

this organization was a way of reminding the people of World War II, the call to service and the resulting sacrifices. The first officer for 1950 was Mrs. Anna Johnson.

During the war years the philanthropic work of the club were centered on helping servicemen. The club received gift lists from veterans who were hospitalized in the Crown Point Sanitarium. The members saw that each of these men received a special gift at Christmas. They hemmed towels for Porter Memorial Hospital and the Marion Hospital, cut and sewed carpet rags, sewed quilt blocks for the Knightstown Home, made surgical wrappings, gave monetary gifts to veteran hospitals polio funds, cancer fund and to the families of veterans. They made bibs for veterans who were severely handicapped and hospitalized, sewing lap robes for nursing homes.

The members met on the first Wednesday of each month in their homes, then in the school cafeteria, K. of P. Lodge Hall, the basement of the library and then at the Stagecoach Inn.

They supported the veterans hospitals until they were unable to continue the service and disbanded on February 21, 1980.

HEBRON LIONS CLUB

The Hebron Lions Club, which is a member of Lions International, was organized in September of 1948. The numerous projects of the club included building the cinder track at the local school buying the curtains for the stage in the auditorium. Mr. Wayne Eikenberry was the first president.

Funds for projects were raised by annual minstrel shows which are still remembered.

In the 1950's the club disbanded, but was again revived in April of 1969 with 34 members. Each year the Lions have as their three main projects: Leaderdog school, cancer and sight. The lions have donated money to the cancer equipment at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. They have collected glasses for the sight program, bought and maintained playground equipment for the park in the Crestknoll Subdivision and have participated in the foreign exchange program sponsored by Lions International. In 1970 Miss Gwen Birkey, a Hebron student represented the Hebron Lions Club as an exchange student to Lima, Peru, where she lived with a Peruvian family during the summer and became acquainted with South American culture. In 1973 a fifteen year old youth, Jose Zirena, from Lima, Peru became a guest of the Hebron Lions Club. He lived with families of the Lions Club and graduated

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from Hebron High School. The members have also donated money for the Childs Park, the basketball scoreboard, and the Fire Department's grass buggy.

The focus of the Lions Club has shifted slightly. Although they still support the leader dog program, cancer and sight, the club now aims its efforts on "our Community". Almost 100% of the money raised through numerous projects is spent in Hebron.

The current fund raising projects of the Lions are the Semi-annual Pancake Breakfast, Semi-annual Candy Day road block, Annual Holiday meat raffle and other money raising events.

Local needs, such as eye glasses and hearing aids for the needy, money to help families with catastrophic illnesses, drug and alcohol abuse programs through "Lions Quest", teaching the teachers in our schools to help children to "Just SAY NO". They have a very good inventory of hospital equipment such as wheel chairs, crutches, walkers hospital beds, canes and electrically controlled recliner to lift people out of the chair. All of these items are loaned free of charge to the people of Hebron.

The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Old Heritage Inn at 8:00 p.m.

Officers for 1990 are President, Al McKeny, 1st V.P., Ray Bales, 2nd V.P., Don Brawner, Secretary, Joe Lazorik, Treasurer, Mary Tanner, Tail Twister, Mickey Yelachich, Lion Tamer, Jesse Hoshaw, directors, Willis Werner, Ron Rosenbaur Paul Stalbaum & Dick Gideon.

WRONG WAY SQUARES

The Wrong Way Squares, one of the newest clubs in Hebron was formed in 1972 by Mr. & Mrs. Neal Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Hofferth.

The club dances on the 2nd Saturday at 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Hebron School September through May.

Dance lessons are given every fall to prospective members. Square dancing is an inexpensive and enjoyable family activity. It is a good way to have fun and meet nice people. The club is affiliated with the Northern Indiana Callers and Dancers Association and the Indiana Dancers Association.

Officers for 1990 are: President-Ken & Delores Miller; Vice President-Tom & Ruth Joyce; Secretary-Joan Vanaman; Treasurer-Don & Sue Bell; and Historian-Ed & Betty Klemz.

SOUTH COUNTY BELLS

The South County Bells Home Demonstration Club, which is affiliated with the National Home Demonstration Club, was organized in this area in January, 1954.

Homemaking lessons are given at the county level by Purdue or local personnel, then presented to the local clubs. Homemaking is the main interest of the group.

Three projects of the homemakers are working with the bloodmobile, baking birthday cakes for the men and women at the Porter County Home and collecting food for the food pantry in Hebron.

The group meets on the second Monday of the month in the homes of the members. At the present time there are approximately seventeen members.

Officers for 1990 are President: Beverly Robey, Vice President-Elsie Rampke, Treasurer, Lois Curry and Secretary-Fern Martin.

BOONE TOWNSHIP EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

On March 12, 1935, ten ladies met at the Aylesworth School house to form a Home Economics Club. Mrs. Mildred Douglas of the club. The following members were elected as officers: President-Ollie Wadsworth, Vice President-Nettie Aylesworth, Secretary-Mable Carpenter, Treasurer-Cora Jennings.

It was decided to meet the forth Wednesday of the month and to have a penny collection. The first collection netted the club 6 cents.

In 1938 the group joined the State Home Economics Association and in 1943 it became part of the annual meeting held at Purdue University. The club, also during that year, was honored to have Mrs. Mable Carpenter as the County President.

Through the years the Club has made donations to Riley Children's Hospital, Red Cross, Lela Goddis Home at Purdue University, Heart Fund and the Cancer Society. Members take turns baking cakes each month for residents of the Porter County Home. The current monetary collection each month is used to help a special family or person.

In spring of 1985, an anniversary party was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Evelyn Rosenthal has been a member since 1950, making her the longest membership. The club has elected to bestow, the

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honor of Honorary Members to Mrs. Anna Buck, Mrs. Florence Cornell and Mrs. Edith Viant since they are no longer able to participate in club activities.

Meetings are now held at the Stage Coach Inn. Present officers are: President-Gertrude Walker, Vice President-Sylvia Gray, Secretary-Jean Dinsmore, Treasurer-Mary Swim.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

According to the secretary's records the Senior Citizen's Club of Hebron had their organization in the sixties. A meeting in 1968 was held in the home of Vernice Hough. Helen Nichols organized the group. Later meetings were held in the fellowship room of the Hebron United Methodist Church. Mrs. Hough served as chairman until 1983.

Early directors were Jane Harrington of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Valparaiso. Also serving were: Marianne Holmer, Lynn Dunker, Jane Harrington, Director of the Porter County Senior Citizen's Center, Jane Newman and the present director, Lois Arnold.

The Hebron Club evolved from the Retired Senior volunteer Program of Porter County.

A Spring Recognition Luncheon was held on March 18, 1977 at the United Methodist Church. Any man or woman sixty years of age or over could join the RSVP if they were willing to help others. Funded partly by ACTION, RSVP is sponsored locally by the Porter Council on Aging and Aged, a Porter County United Way member agency.

During the seventies and early eighties, the Hebron Jayshees, with the help from the Jaycees, served many delicious meals to the club members. They provided three full meals during the years for the Seniors--at Easter time, a picnic in the summer and a Christmas dinner. Later two Jayshees each month purchased, prepared and brought a meat dish to the Senior Center.

On October 1, 1982 the last meeting was held in the church. From then on the group met in the Jaycee Hall in the Country Square Mall in Hebron for their monthly potluck dinner. They now meet in the new community center where the members can relax and enjoy each other's company.

Club members enjoyed numerous activities. There were many potluck dinners, special Christmas and Easter celebrations, interesting pro-

grams put on by students from the Hebron School, films and slide shows of people's travels, talks on many subjects by different guest speakers, informative talks on health and safety and legislative issues, nutrition, Social Security Programs, Visiting nurses services, geriatric programs, free blood pressure screening, tax service, shopping trips to Chicago and other interesting places.

Lois Arnold of the Porter County Council on Aging has been the director since 1983. The club meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center, 611 N. Main. Attendance varies from fifteen to twenty-five persons. The first Wednesday of the month is for birthday celebrations, with a cake donated by Patz Grocery Store and ice cream from Dairy Queen, and a carnation presented by Dan's Floral Shop for those with a birthday. Second Wednesdays is a potluck dinner and the visiting nurse conducts tests. The third Wednesdays is for business of the club and the last monthly meeting for social time.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WILSON BATES UNIT NO. 190

The Wilson-Bates No. 190 of the Hebron American Legion Auxiliary was first chartered under the name of the Wilson Unit No. 190 in honor of Irving Wilson, the first Hebron area soldier who gave his life for his country in World War I.

The date of the original charter was March 6, 1924. It was October 6, 1944 that the name Wilson Unit became known as the Wilson-Bates Unit No. 190 and added Bates name in honor of John Hale Bates, the first Hebron area soldier to lose his life in World War II.

This unit is a member of the second district of the State of Indiana. The membership consists of mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and granddaughters of members of the American Legion, men who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during and of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
August 5, 1965 to August 15, 1973

Names of the original members listed on the charter were: Ann Wood, Ina McDaniel, Rhoda Fry, Elizabeth Kemp, Minnie Alyea, Mabel Marsden, Carrie Fry, Violet Fry, Claire Kleinman, Annette Kleinman, Mabel Wheeler, Lauretta Wilson, Core Norris, Mae Skinkle, Gaynelle Lord, Esther Wahl and Anna Marsden. It is also listed that Lauretta Wilson was a Gold Star Mother and

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listed as Honor Roll was Irving Wilson.

The first meeting was held April 22, 1924 in conjunction with the American Legion. Ester Wahl acted as temporary chariman. The first Officers were: President-Anna Wood, Vice President-Cora Norris, Secretary-Elizabeth Kemp, Treasurer-Mabel Wheeler. Also listed were the names of Ina McDaniel and Maude Sherwood, quite possible they acted in the capacity of Board of Directors.

Since the inception of this patriotic organization it has been a service organization -- mainly an organization to help the veterans of all wars and to render service to the community. Over the years they have sponsored children at the Knightstown Soldiers' and Sailors' Childrens Home at Knightstown, Indiana and have supported various causes of the Veteran's Home and hospitals in Indiana. They sponsor parties at the Lafayette Veterans' Home and also at the Porter County Home in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The Auxiliary has been supportive of the American Legion and it projects. For many years the American Legion has held Memorial Services in honor of their fallen comrades of war at the Hebron Cemetery on Memorial Day Parade, placing individual American Flags on each veterans gravesite. (The Memorial Day Parade is no longer held).

For many years the Auxiliary sponsored the annual Hebron Community Christmas food box project for the needy, sponsored a high school junior girl for a week at Girls State -- a week of governmental training & fellowship, and has helped those in need and distress. This is an organization of which the members can be very proud.

Present officers are: President-Betty Klemz, 1st Vice President-Mae Voss, 2nd President-Virginia Keeling, 3rd Vice President-Helen Woolridge, Secretary-Kathryn Wiltfang, Treasurer-Catherine Haun, Chaplin-Ethelyn Harrington, and Sargeant at arms-Majorie Creekmur.

HEBRON COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Hebron Commercial Club, which was organized in 1937, meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This group, which is dedicated to the promotion of business and general welfare of the community now has declined to a membership of eight. The forerunner of this club was the Men's Club, organized in 1927, whose main pro-

ject was decorating the town Christmas Tree and providing treats for the children. This project, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, was carried on until the last few years when so few children came, it was dropped.

In 1939 the Men's Club adopted a constitution and became the Commerical Club. The charter members of the organization were: Harold Dinsmore, Louis Alyea, David Root, Roland Roland Thompson, Noble Aylesworth, Virgil O. King, Harry Mockler, Walter Johnson, Warren Phillips, Herb Rosenthal, Rush Hughes, Lee Buchanan, Monte Morrow, Earl Hiatt, Robert McGinley, Perry Clark, Vernon Childs, John Dekock, Franklin Petry, and Ray Fry.

The projects of this organization have benefited the town in many ways. The Commercial Club was instrumental along with other organizations in starting the Scout Cabin and supported it financially with funds raised by its annual Chicken barbecue dinner until all its construction debts were paid. For many years the club sponsored a Halloween party for the youngsters. Also, it was responsible for the first street signs placed around the town. The members bought and maintained the decorations during the Christmas season until in 1985, because of lack of manpower, the job was taken over by the Town.

The club as an organization, and its members as individuals, were instrumental in initiating many local improvements. The club still meets regularly, mainly as a social club.

AYLESWORTH CLUB

Late in September, 1912, the women east of town, in what is called Aylesworth, gathered at the home of Mrs. Emry Dye to honor her with a baby shower. It was such an enjoyable event that it was decided to meet at the Lillian Aylesworth home two weeks later to make plans to form a club. At that meeting Mrs. Sadie Aylesworth acted as chairman and officers were elected. Meetings were held every two weeks at members homes until 1923.

That year a building used by the gravel roadmen, located on railroad property, was offered to the club for \$50.00. The women bought it and moved it to a plot of land that was rented from Gus Johnson for a dollar a year. In 1927 an addition was built on the north side for a kitchen by the husbands. The club purchased the property in 1960 and the clubhouse was completely rebuilt in 1970.

Seventy-seven years later the Aylesworth

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Neighborhood Club is still active and holding meetings at members homes during the winter months & at the clubhouse on 705 West in the warmer months. They meet on the first Thursday of each month. Four yearly meetings are designated carry-in birthday luncheons. Games are enjoyed by all including any children attending and prizes are awarded.

The longtime honorary members still attending are: Edna Gilson, Ada Albertson, Frances Thatcher, Lora Bales and Lillian Graeber. Other members who are directly related to the original charter members are: Mary Jane Aylesworth, Beverly Hallberg, Edith (Gilson) Young, Cheryle (Aylesworth) Gratz and Dolores Aylesworth. Those holding longtime memberships are Elsie Rampke, Ruth Babiak, Fern Martin and Ednid Hefner. Newest members are Marjorie Madison and Sally Hyre.

Being established for so many years has developed a closeness among the members, since most live within an area of one to four miles from the clubhouse.

It is the clubs wish they can continue on in the tradition of the founders and celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2012.

MODERN PRISCILLA SEWING CLUB

Away back in 1937 two energetic young ladies decided they would like to organize a club, the main purpose to engage in the task of sewing for their families, mending and embroidering, etc. Of course there was a little visiting on the side for the members, too. Those two ladies were Mrs. Evelyn (Albertson) Henderson and Mrs. Louise (Young) Albertson, who were sisters-in-law. Louise is now deceased.

In the fifty years that have passed since that time many yards of thread have been sewn into bridal outfits, young matron's wardrobes, baby clothes, teen-age fads, articles for grandchildren, Christmas and birthday gifts, projects for church bazaars and even some braided rugs were made for the member's homes.

The group met every two weeks and later met monthly. Christmas and birthdays were celebrated with special dinners. In the summer trips were made to the beach which included the children. Other excursions included trips to Chicago to theatre parties. Overnight trips were made to

Nashville and Huntington, Indiana.

The former club in town was called the "Priscilla Club" so the newly formed club was named the "Modern Priscilla Club" and later was just called the "Sewing Club". As many as twenty-six women have been members at one time.

There were no former rules to govern the club. A committee of two or three members made the rules and plans needed. Only married women were asked to join. A fee of fifty cents was paid yearly, a practice that existed for many years until finally it was raised to one dollar.

As part of the fortieth anniversary celebration the group traveled to Stevensville, Michigan and had lunch at the Win Schuler restaurant.

The club was in existence for fifty-two years and finally came to an end in 1989. The only members left at this time were Evelyn Henderson, Wilma Petry, Dorothy Hewitt and Harriet Kaldahl.

THE HEBRON JUNIOR WOMENS CLUB

The Hebron Junior Womens Club was organized in 1952 and became affiliated with the General Federation of Womens Club in 1953. The club was organized and sponsored by Mrs. Viva Childs, an active clubwoman for 25 years.

The object of the club was the association of young women for their mutual benefit, the home and the community.

The club met monthly, excluding July and August, usually at the K of P Hall or at a members home. In later years they met at the Stage Coach Inn. A monthly newsletter, the Projectile, was sent to all the members. Several members held 10th District and State offices during its organization.

During the 4th of July, members entered the parade with floats built by its members, served as parade chairman and donated cakes and pies and worked at the food booths.

The club worked with other organizations in town on mutual projects; Chicken BBQ and Cake Walks for the Scout Cabin building Fund with the Lions Club, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and American Legion Auxiliary; annual Halloween party with Commercial Club which had an attendance of over 300.

Some of the more popular activities and fund raisers were Mother Daughter Banquets, Style Shows and Musicals. the Musical held in 1957 was called "Flapper Follies: with a roaring 20's theme. Some style shows featured a card party or featured fashions from the past 1900-1940's

Some of the projects of the club were to provide

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supplies to patients in Psychiatric Units at Porter Memorial Hospital; adopted a ward at Beatty Hospital and refreshments for parties, Christmas gifts and much needed toiletries. They served as room mothers for Vale Day School for retarded children, bingo parties at the Porter County Home, birthday cakes for Christian Haven Boys Home and assisted with the March of Dimes canvassing during "Mothers March" and participated in a 15 mile "Walk for Mankind", recruiting two Boy Scouts to walk. They were Matt Hren and Phil Cooley.

Club members sold nuts, candy and held many different raffles, rummage sales and bake sales. Members made clothes for a "Velvet Doll" raffle, which any little girl would have traded her braces for.

Another major recipient of the Junior womens Club endeavors was the Hebron Public Library. A newly remodeled Childrens room received new carpeting and a round table with matching chairs from the Club. Members served on the library board also.

Playground equipment for Crest Knoll Subdivision and park new the Scout Cabin was donated by the Club.

One of the most enjoyable annual meetings was a Progressive dinner, with appetizers, salad, main course and dessert being served at different homes. This usually took about 3 hours and gave the hostesses an opportunity to use their best linens, china and crystal. At times the hostesses would use a particular theme and dress accordingly.

Each year the club appointed a scrapbook chairman. The scrapbooks were judged at County District and State Conventions. The Scrapbook was then presented to the outgoing president as a pleasant reminder of their "year".

Many interesting programs were given including Drug Abuse, Womens' Lib, Patriotism, Gardening, Ecology, Doll Making, World travels by individual members and special projects.

The first president was Mrs. Russell Franzman in 1952-53. And when the club disbanded in 1972, Mrs. George Elsner was president.

HEBRON BOY SCOUTS

The Hebron Boy Scout troop was established sometime just before 1918. Under their first

Scoutmaster, Tom Scott, a 7th and 8th grade teacher, the boys held their meetings at the old High School on Adams St. The troop had 32 boys, divided into 4 groups according to age. Imitating soldiers, they trained in military drill, using broom handles. They also learned first aid and other skills that would be helpful should the boys be called to war. The Scouts' uniforms were modeled on that of the American soldier; they consisted of leggings, boots, and wool campaign hats.

New boys were initiated at age 12. As two local men, Ira Fry and Martin Fisher recall, they could hardly wait to reach that age. According to Sam Cooley the initiation "ceremony" was quite different than today's. An initiate was set into a "hot seat", a chair with some water in it, to which an electric charge was added.

The boys also wrote letters to Art Marsden, a Hebronite serving in France during the first World War.

Sometime in the 1920's the troop died out, but was revived and reorganized as Troop 35 in 1929. The two most active leaders during this time were Art Marsden, Scoutmaster, and Louis Alyea, both of whom were members of American Legion Wilson Post 190, which sponsored the troop. Activities centered around camping, hiking and community service. Campouts were held at various locations, including Treatemus Mill, along the Kankakee River, or at the dunes of Lake Michigan. Field trips taken included one to the World's Fair in Chicago in 1934 and 1935. There were also trips to Culver Military Academy for rifle meets.

In the late 1940's the troop was renamed No. 26. Harry Stockman, a former member of Troop 35 under Art Marsden, became the Scoutmaster. He succeeded Franklin Petry, who had served since the mid 1930's, and Neil Hough.

During his service as Scoutmaster, Stockman and other supporters of the Boy Scouts built the Scout Cabin.

In 1948, a regional camp for Scouts, Camp Topenebe, was founded. Troop 26 had the honor of being the first to plant pine seedlings at the camp, hauled by Mr. Hough in his station wagon.

Sponsor at this time for the Troop was the Hebron Commercial Club, which served in this capacity until 1983, when sponsorship was turned over to the Jaycees.

In 1965, the regional No. 9 was added to 26 to form the present Troop No. 926. Further organizational changes: Troop No. 926 became a member of the Northern Indiana Council in 1973, which had been created by the merger of the

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Michigan City Potawatami Council with that of South Bend.

Today, the Troop has about 24 boys, who participate in programs of camping, community service and other activities. Don Ensign has been Scoutmaster since 1986, when he reorganized the troop.

CUB SCOUTS

The Hebron Cub Scout Pack No. 926 was started in 1954 and is celebrating its 35th continuous year. It is a member of the Northwest Indiana Council of Boy Scouts and the National Organization of Scouting. The original sponsor was the Hebron's Lions Club. It was then sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 190 and is now sponsored by the Hebron's Lions Club. The boys are divided into dens according to their school grade and meet once a week. Once a month there is a general meeting of all the dens where the boys are recognized for their individual achievements. All boys in the 2nd thru 5th grades are invited to join. A few years ago, Cub Scouting started a new organization for 1st graders and an adult partner called "Tiger Cubs". They meet once a month as a group and their monthly activities are geared around the Tiger Cub Motto, "Search, Discover and Share". The Tigers are invited to the monthly pack meetings and all other pack events. The Hebron Cub Scout Pack No. 926 had 46 boys this year.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts, which belongs to the national organization, have been active in Hebron and Boone Township since the latter part of the 20's. For many years the meetings of the group were held in the basement of the Hebron Library, and in the homes of the different leaders, but in 1956 the girls were invited to use the Scout Cabin.

The Girl Scouts have a bigger troop as they enter the 1990's. There are now over 150 girls involved with the scouting program. Six years ago, the Girl Scouts added a new program called the Daisys. The Daisys consists of girls entering into kindergarden. 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade Brownie Troop, and also a 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Junior troop, a 7th and 8th grade Cadette Troop and also a 11th and 12th grade Senior troop. For the last five years Hebron has been at the top in registering

girls for the Council, no small achievement for a small town.

Over the years, they have done quite a few things: Pancake breakfasts, Father-Daughter Dances, Father-Daughter Bowling, Mother-Daughter Teas, a Style Show, a Spaghetti Supper to raise money to participate in the parade in Chicago.

The biggest event for the Girl Scouts is marching in the parade in Chicago. They are also involved with bloodmobile, collecting toys and food for the needy, Christmas caroling, studying ways to help our environment around us, having Halloween Parties, hayrides, Christmas play days, Girl Scout Week, building a float for the 4th of July Parade, going to day camp at Meadowbrook and having neighborhood encampments at Red Mill.

Occasionally compiling a cookbook gives the troop means to carry out many of their projects.

Girl Scouting is alive and well in Hebron, thanks to the girls and adults who live by the Girl Scout promise and laws.

SCOUT CABIN

205 Adams Street

In August of 1948, the scout cabin was constructed. The property was given to Hebron for a park by the Sigler family. The family made restrictions on the limitations of the buildings on the property, care and upkeep, allowing only wide rubber tire wagons in the park. The part at one time was surrounded by large wooden posts with iron rings in them for teams, wagons and buggies.

The only fountain in the town sat at this site and so many people were not happy when this fountain built in 1914 by Clifton Hobbs was torn down.

The fireplace was built first before the cabin, even though the carpenters said it could not be done that way. In panneling the walls they came $\frac{1}{3}$ short of having enough knotty pine, so the south end of the cabin was finished in cherry wood. Those who had a part in constructing the cabin were Harry Stockman, Craig Stevens, Chuck Fry and Russell Hoagland. After construction began, the project was stopped because they had not gotten permission to build, so after a trip to the Town Board, construction began.

The financing for the cabin came from many donations and fund raising projects. But the majority of the money came from a loan by Louis Alyea from the Donald Alyea Fund which was later repaid by the Commercial Club.

In October 1956, a committee was formed of

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Dave Parent, Louis Alyea, Mary Powers, Dale Knarr, Ed Klemz and Darlene Bradley to design an 16x30 addition on the north end of the cabin:

In April of 1956, Louis Alyea made an out of the pocket loan of \$2000.00 to help pay the bills to date and keep the project going. This was later repaid by having Chicken BBQ's and other fun raisers put on by the Commercial Club.

In 1957 the scouts placed bricks at the entrance to the building. These bricks came from the old

school house which at one time stood across the street from the scout cabin.

In May of 1977 a fire broke out in the kitchen area in the north west part of the cabin. Repairs were done by the Les Osburn Construction Company, Wilfang builders, Country Side Builders and local help.

In September of 1989, the park where the scout cabin sits was renamed after Louis Alyea and is to be known as the "Louis Alyea Memorial Park". A ceremony was held with the children of Louis present and a dedication ceremony was held for this worthy man.

HEBRON LITTLE LEAGUE

In 1989 Hebron became a sanctioned Little League for the first time, but summer baseball has been in Hebron for many years. Previously the Hebron Summer Recreation Program organized baseball and softball. It was the hard work and dedication of the individuals that made the program what it is today.

The Hebron Little League is a non-profit organization that takes year around planning in order to provide the children an opportunity to have fun playing baseball or softball during the summer months; to learn the fundamentals of baseball or softball, to cultivate the talents of each child; and to experience playing ball in an atmosphere of minor competition and good sportsmanship.

In 1990 the organization will serve 382 children consisting of 29 teams, 17 boy teams and 12 girl

teams. The boys and girls participating will range in ages of 6 to 15, with four levels of play, T-ball, minors, majors and seniors.

With the business sponsoring these teams and the support and cooperation of those who give so much of their time to this organization the summer program will continue for many years for the youth of Hebron.

President-Dave Peeler, Girls Little League Softball Vice President-Pam Dailey, Boys Little League Vice President-Ed Hamilton, Girls Senior League Softball Vice President-Bill Spargo, Boys Senior League Vice President-Mike Toosevich, Secretary-Diane Karshner, Treasurer-Mike Vandercar, Player Agent-Ed Lonstreth, Umpire-in-Chief-Pete Martinez, Fred Siminski.

MEMORIES...

HEBRON SERVICES IN 1880

Hebron in 1880 may have been a small community but it was certainly very self-sufficient.

Like other small towns of that time, a "small town" did not necessarily have a shortage of services or businesses. In fact, many larger cities today probably do not offer the variety of businesses that were available in Hebron and other towns 100 years ago.

In Hebron, a roster of businesses, professions and services in 1880 would include:

- One four-room schoolhouse
- Five churches
- Four blacksmith shops with two forges each
- Two wagon shops
- One carpenter shop
- Four general stores
- Two grocery stores
- Two drug stores
- Two hardware stores
- Two butcher shops
- Three barber shops

- Two hotels
- Five doctors
- Two shoemakers
- Two tinsmiths
- One lumberyard
- Two grain warehouses
- Two hay barns with presses
- Two saloons
- One bakery
- One restaurant
- One brickyard
- One tile mill
- One grist and saw mill
- Two livery stables
- Three milliner shops
- Three dressmaker shops
- One cooper shop
- One veterinarian
- One broom maker
- One tailor
- Five hay press gangs

HEBRON SERVICES IN 1990

A roster of business, professions and services for 1990 are:

1 Mobile Home Park	1 Resale shop	1 Shopper
3 Subdivisions	1 Post office	1 Newspaper
11 Churches	2 Antique dealers	2 Realties
1 Grocery Store	2 Refinishing furniture shops	1 Water softner service
3 Restaurants	1 Bowling alley	3 Used car services
1 School	2 Car washes	5 Automotive repairs
1 Appliance Store	1 Travel agency	3 Machine-tool sales
4 Fast Food Stores	2 Doctors	3 Banks
1 Variety Store	3 Lawyers	1 Laundermat
2 Barbershops	1 Truck hauling	1 Liquor store
3 Insurance Companies	1 Industrial park	1 Funeral home
3 Tax Services	54 Apartments	2 Photography shops
1 Small engine service	1 Drug store	1 Farm impliment
2 Craft & Art stores	1 Dress shop	4 Construction contractors
2 Automotive services	2 Taverns	1 TV service
1 C B sales	3 Gas stations	1 Trucking firm
1 Excavating	2 Hardwares	2 Optometrist
1 Landscaping Co.	2 Video stores	2 Dentists
1 Telephone Co.	2 Florist	2 Auctioneer
	5 Beauty shops	2 Oil distributors

TODAY'S NEWSMAKERS



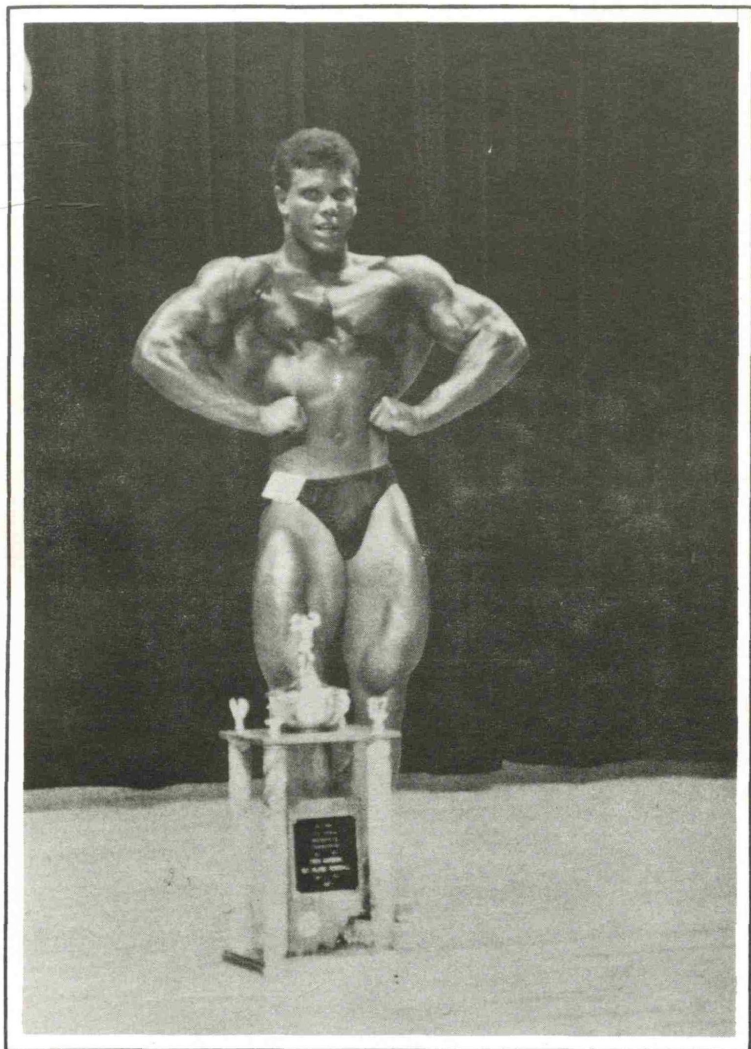
SUSAN OSBY (BRYCHELL)

Susan graduated from Hebron High School in 1977. Her honors:

Miss Indiana Teenager-1976 (Miss Photogenic)
3rd runner up to Miss Teen USA-1976
Indiana's All American Girl-1978
Purdue Grand Prix Queen-1979; Also on cover of Purdue calendar-1980
Miss Indiana-1980
Contestant in Miss USA Pageant-1980
Guest of Korean Government to Seoul Korea to Miss Universe Pageant-1980
Indiana Rose Queen-1982
2nd Runner up to Mrs. Indiana (also Mrs. Photogenic & Congeniality)

She was recently chosen by Miss Universe, Inc. to independently produce the Miss Indiana Teen USA Pageant, which is the Official Preliminary to the nationally televised Miss Teen USA Pageant. Along with producing the pageant, which is held in Indianapolis, she is responsible for completely grooming the Indiana representative for the national competition and traveling with her.

Susan is married to Richard Brychell, President of Pharma-Card, Inc. and lives in Valparaiso.



RANDY KOMISARCIK

Randy graduated from Hebron High School in 1986.

Randy started body building in 1980 at the age of 12. He entered his first contest at age 15. His honors:

3rd place--Smos Body Building Contest 1983

1st place--Mr. Teenage South Bend, short class 1984

1st place--Jr. Mid-West 1985

1st place--Mr. Teenage, South Bend, over-all 1986

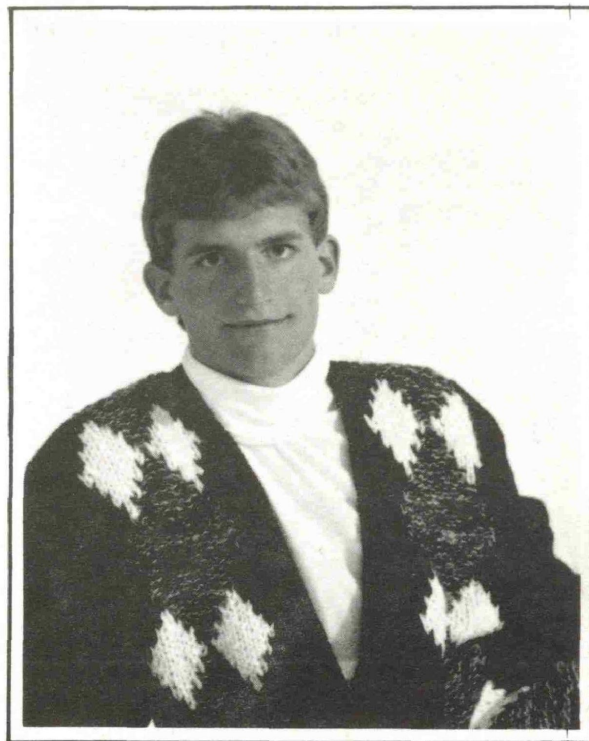
1st place--Mr. Teenage Indiana 1987

2nd place--Teenage America 1987

Indiana AAU President's Award--Teenage Physique 1987

In 1991 Randy plans to enter the Jr. America and Mr. Indiana contests.

Presently Randy works for the Hebron Police Department as a patrolman.



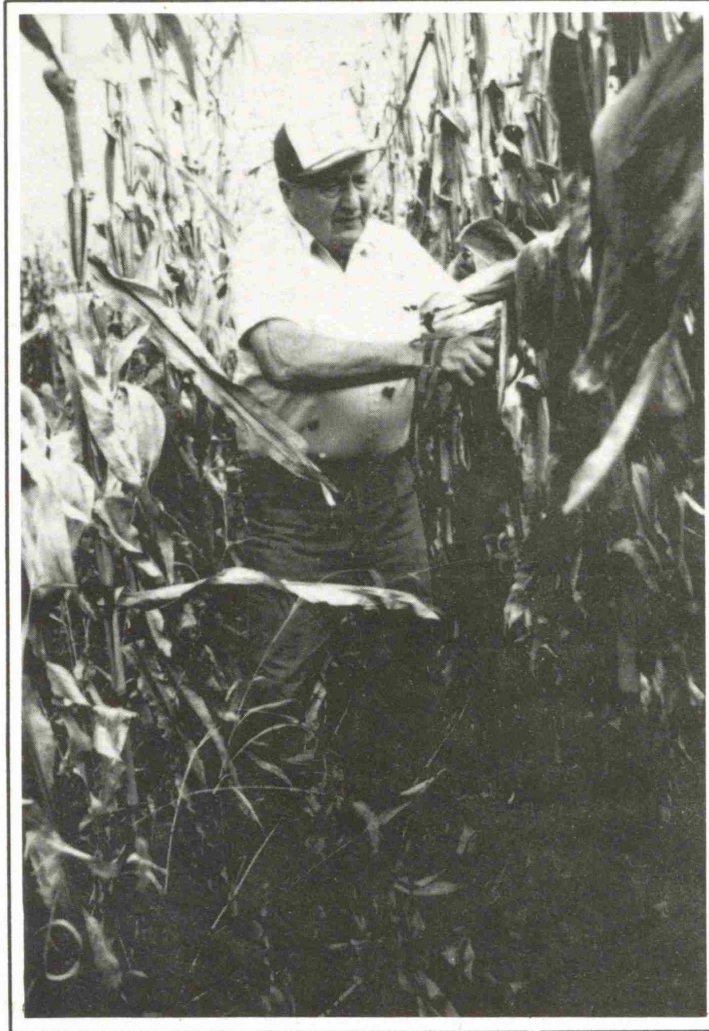
JOHN SCHROEDER

John Schroeder (June 1990 graduate) has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. John is the son of Paul and Sharon Schroeder of 208 W. Sigler, Hebron.

John's high academic achievements are shown by his straight A average throughout high school, selection to the National Honor Society, and his involvement to the National Honor Society, and his involvement on the Indiana Teams for Academic Competition, the Hoosier Academic Spellbowl and the Hoosier Academic Superbowl. He was in cross country and basketball.

He exhibited leadership as Student Body President at Hebron High School in 1988-1989, and as an officer in the following organizations: Science Club, Spanish Club, and United Methodist youth. He was selected as a delegate to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation in 1988 and as a Junior Counselor the next year. John participated in track, cross country and basketball for four years each and was all conference in the 1988 and 1989 cross country teams that qualified for semistate. He was the point guard on the 1989-90 basketball team that finished 24-1 and won the sectionals. He is an outstanding member of our community.

TODAY'S NEWSMAKERS



HERB ELLENSON

Herb Ellenson entered his first corn husking contest in 1931. Then twenty-two years old, living on a farm in Boone Township, south of the Aylesworth elevator, he competed against eight other Porter County farmers.

The first contest he won was in 1934. This Porter County contest was held on a farm just one half mile from his own home. Only the sixteen highest Indiana scores were allowed in the state competition at that time, so no one from Porter County was entered.

In 1938 Ellenson moved to Lake County, still with a Hebron address on Highway 2, and won the first sanctioned corn husking contest ever held in Lake County. He advanced to the state contest and finished in sixth place.

Contests were discontinued in 1941 because of World War II. However, interest in the sport of hand corn husking was revived just prior to 1978 by the newly-organized National Cornhuskers Association.

A newspaper clipping sent to Ellenson by a

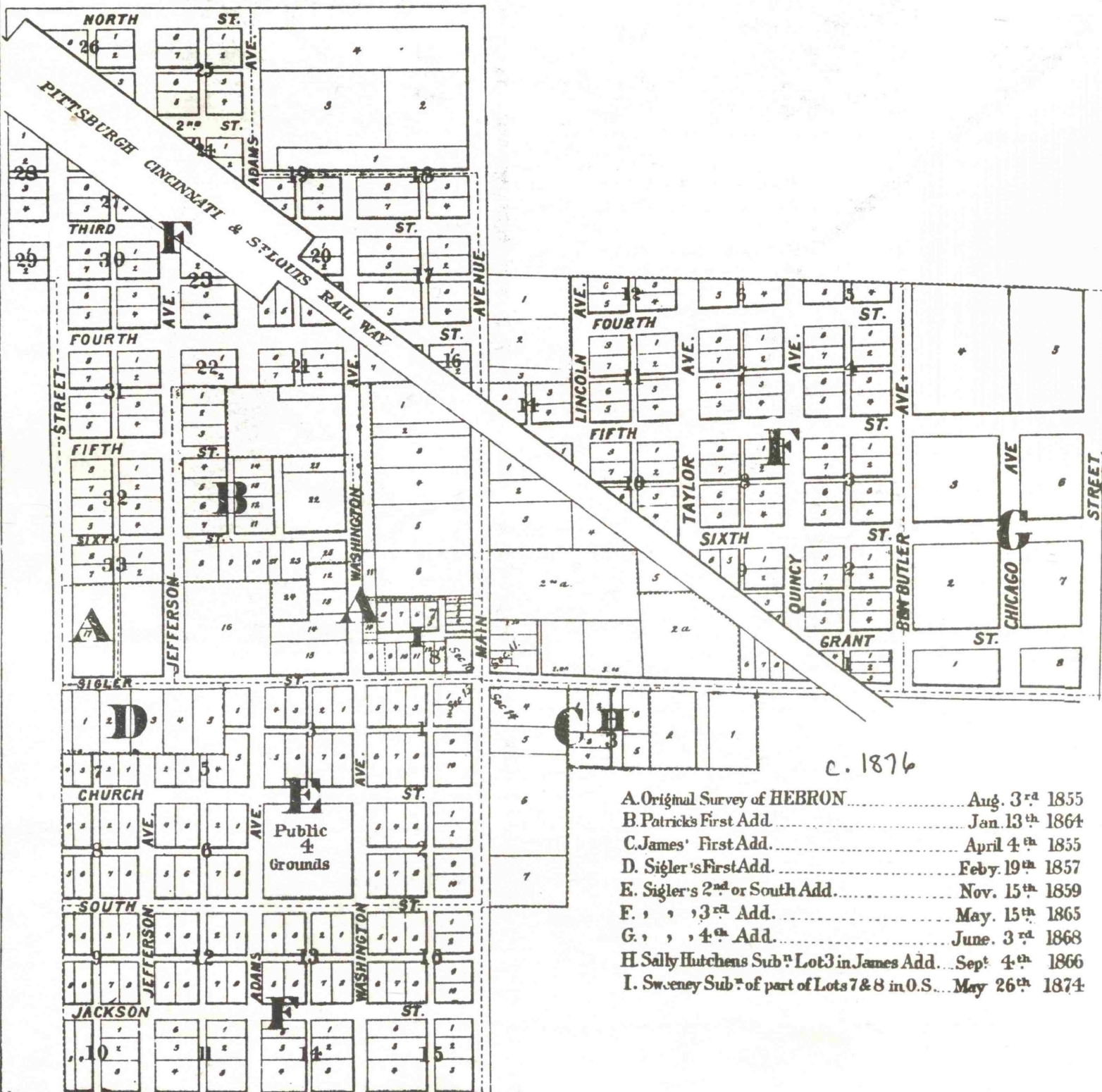
friend revived his personal interest. In October of 1987, Herb competed in the Indiana/Ohio contest held in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. His class was the Golden Agers (men over seventy-five). Ellenson won the spot as Indiana's champion and advanced to the Nationals in Marshall, Missouri. He attended this meet with several friends and finished fourth in the national competition.

In 1988 at Hagerstown, Indiana, Ellenson again won the Indiana Golden Agers competition, advancing to the National contest held in Fairview, Illinois. Herb became National Corn Husking Champion on October 23, 1988.

October, 1989, found Ellenson defending his state title at North Manchester, Indiana, and winning again as Indiana State Champion. He then competed in the National contest at Brandon, South Dakota, on October 22, finishing as first runner-up to a contestant from Iowa. This occurred just one month after Herb celebrated his eightieth birthday.

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I. Sweeney Sub ⁿ of part of Lots 7 & 8 in O.S.	May 26 th 1874



HISTORY COMMITTEE

Back row: John Bryant, Jr. Terry Bailey, Corliss Fedornack
Wilfred Wagner, Charles Stineburg.

Front row: Alice Komisarcik, Donna (Wagner) Taber, Mary
DeYoung, Marie Stineburg, Marcella Mason.

Not pictured: Bill Mullins and A. Koby.



STEERING COMMITTEE

Back row: Bob Mason, William Kaczmariski, Milton
Schroader, Wilfred Wagner, John Spinks, Mary DeYoung
Corliss Fedornock, Donald Brawner.

Front row: Alice Komisarcik, Donna (Wagner) Taber,
Marcella Mason, Evelyn Wilson, Don Ensign, Fred Siminski.

Not pictured: Marv Tanner, Butch Klemz & Norma Hullihan.

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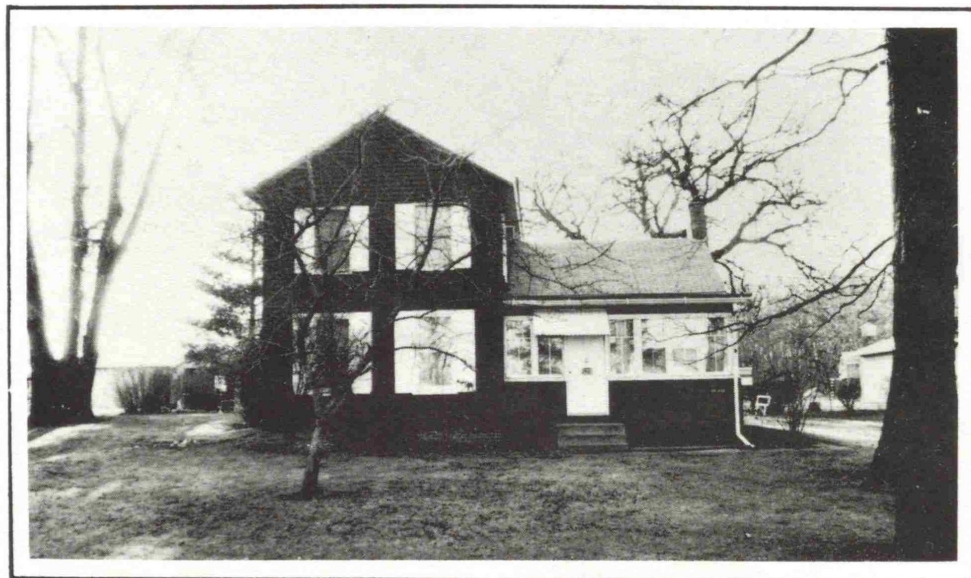
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HEBRON'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE



1. Margaret Ross home
404 North Jefferson

2. 404 North Main



3. 520 South Main
built in 1876



4. 423 South Main

5. 104 West Church
old Sigler Home



6. D.J. Auto Clinic & Gas Stop
S.E. corner, Main Sigler
mural painted by HHS Art Class
in the early 1970's.



7. Old Applegate home
S.E. corner of Alyea & Jefferson



8. Wm. Antrim home
307 West Casey



9. 420 South Main



10. Steinke Funeral Home
Corner of 231 and Washington



11. 309 Jefferson
"The Purple House"



12. N.E. corner of Church & Adams
built by Vernon Childs



13. United Methodist Church Parsonage
305 West Sigler
built in 1915



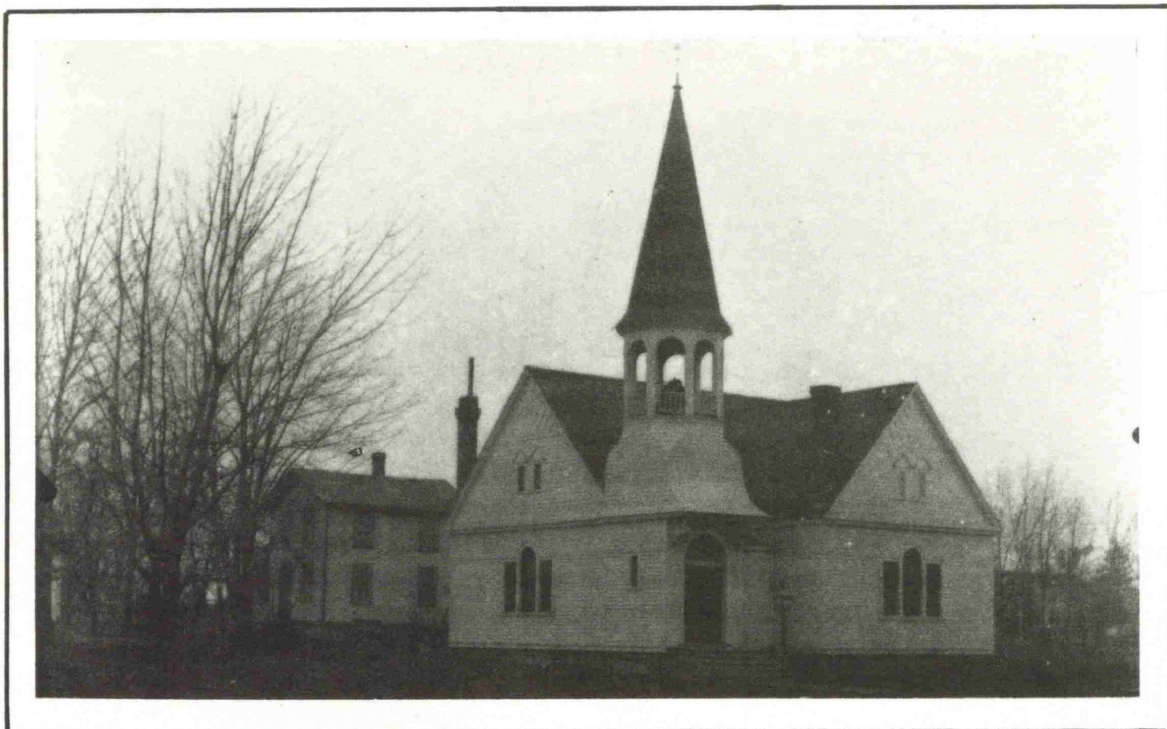
This was taken about 1887-1890 after home was built. Home of Merritt Conner Bryant and his wife Effie Wilson Bryant, who is standing in front of home. Is located at 423 S. Main.



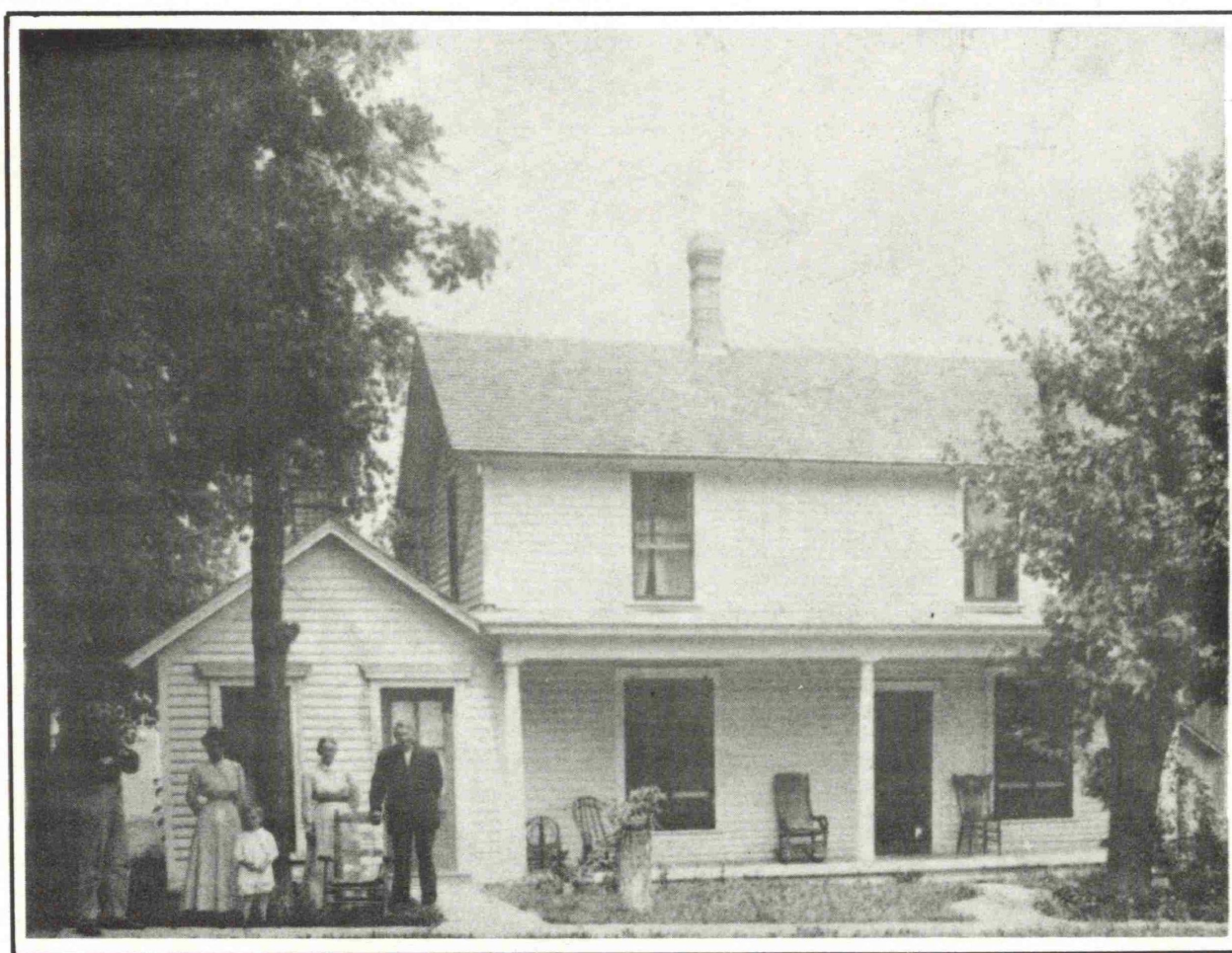
Old Presbyterian Parsonage, at 106 Jefferson.



Formerly the M.E. Dinsmore home, S.W. corner South & Adams.



"Little" Presbyterian Church, altered to the former Alta Wilson home. This is located at the corner of Church & Church & Adams, 108 S. Adams.



Mr. & Mrs. Peter Morrow & son, Monte and Mr. & Mrs. James Carson. The James Carson home, 105 W. Church Street, in the early 1900's. Home was remodeled and lived in by Mr. & Mrs. Glen Norton.

PICTORIAL LONG AGO



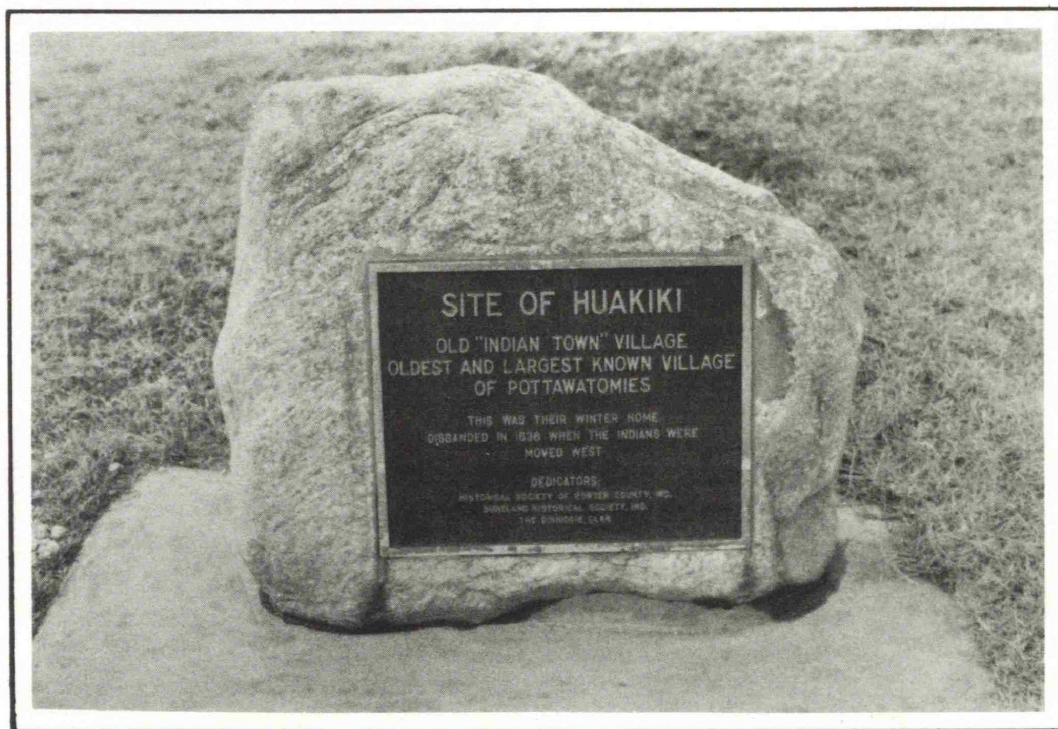
MARGARET BRYANT-BLACKSTONE

Margaret Bryant-Blackstone, daughter of Simeon Elizabeth (McCauley) Bryant, the first white child born in Boone Twp., April 16, 1837 and the third of seven children, six of whom were born in a log cabin $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Hebron. She married Dr. John King Blackstone, February 11, 1858. Five children were born, one dying in infancy.



SIMEON BRYANT HOUSE

South St. Rd. 2, between 900 S. and 1000 S. now leveled,
DAR marker now at this site.



This second marker, on same site, indicates "Huakiki" or
old "Indian Town."



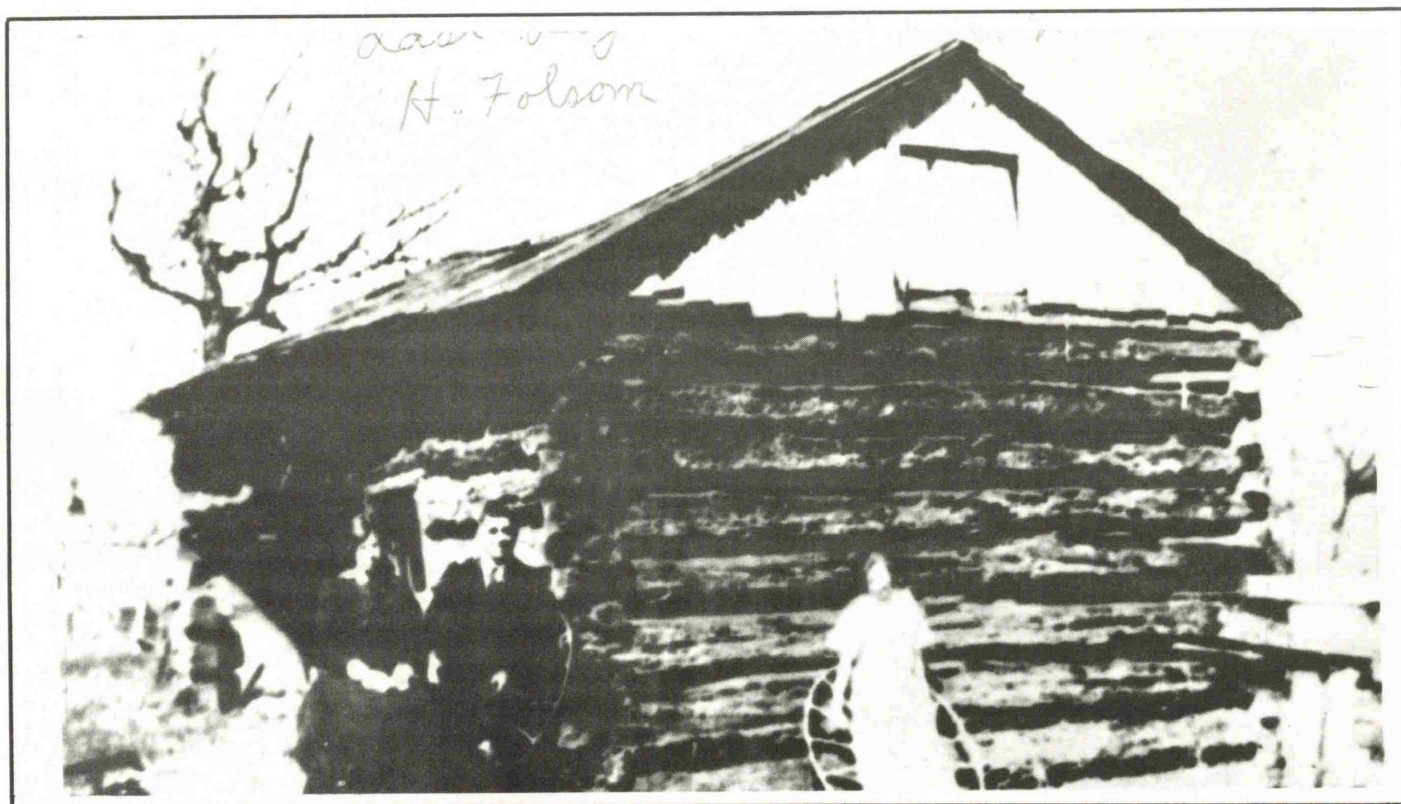
THE ROSS HOME

Distruction of the 1917 Tornado-North Jefferson-The Ross Home in back ground now 404 N. Jefferson.



BATES HOTEL

Damage to the Bates Hotel (now Heritage Inn) from the 1917 Tornado.



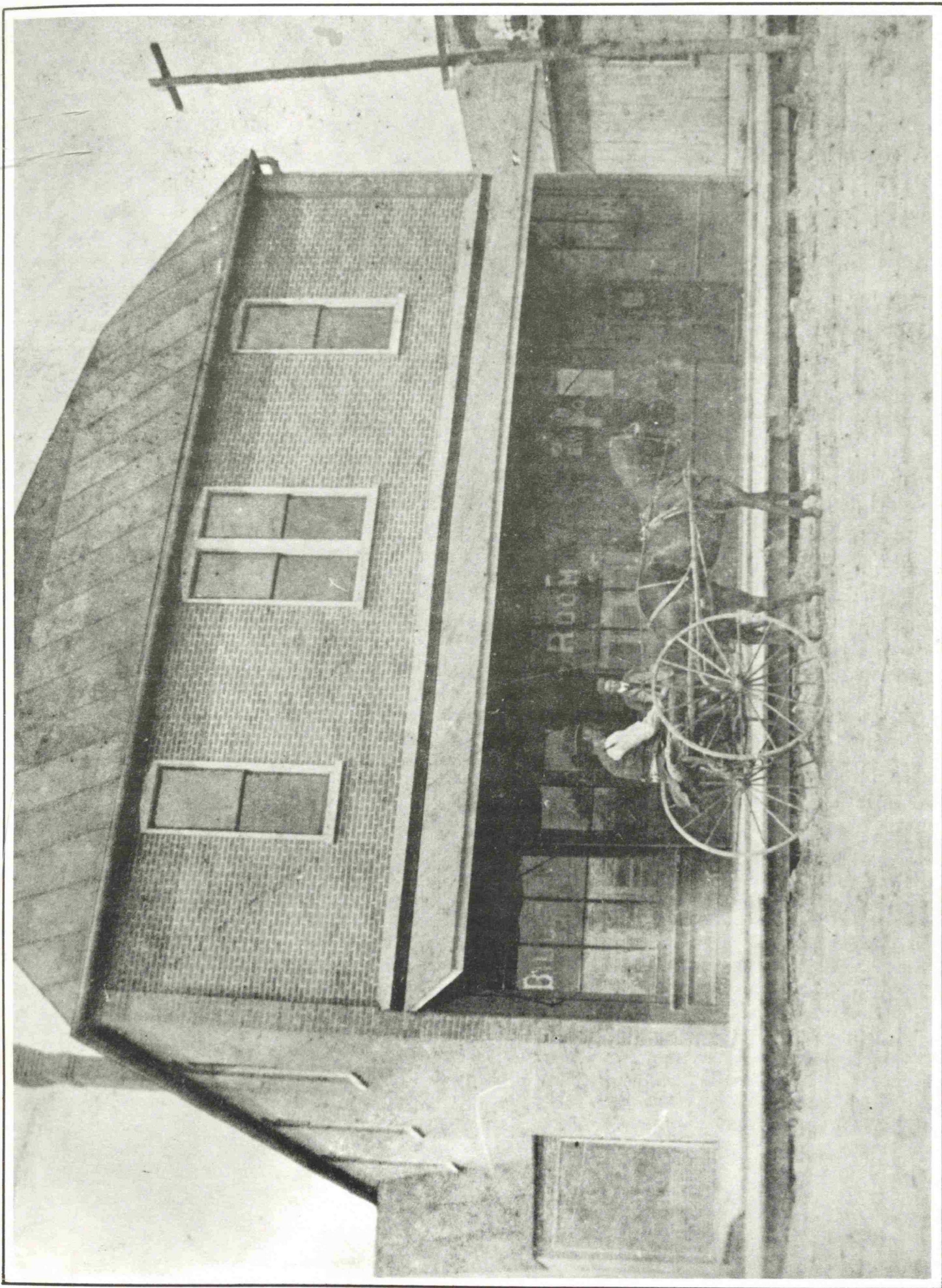
LAST LOG HOUSE

Log cabin pictured above in front of local brickyard was the last one in Hebron to be torn down. Before removal in 1940's the cabin was used as workshop and as children's play area. It was originally the Methodist Church, Miss Folsom said. this was in the area near 514 S. Main.



OLD CRAWFORD HOME

House known as the Old Crawford Home, at 404 N. Main. This picture shows the destruction from the 1917 tornado.



THE OPERA HOUSE

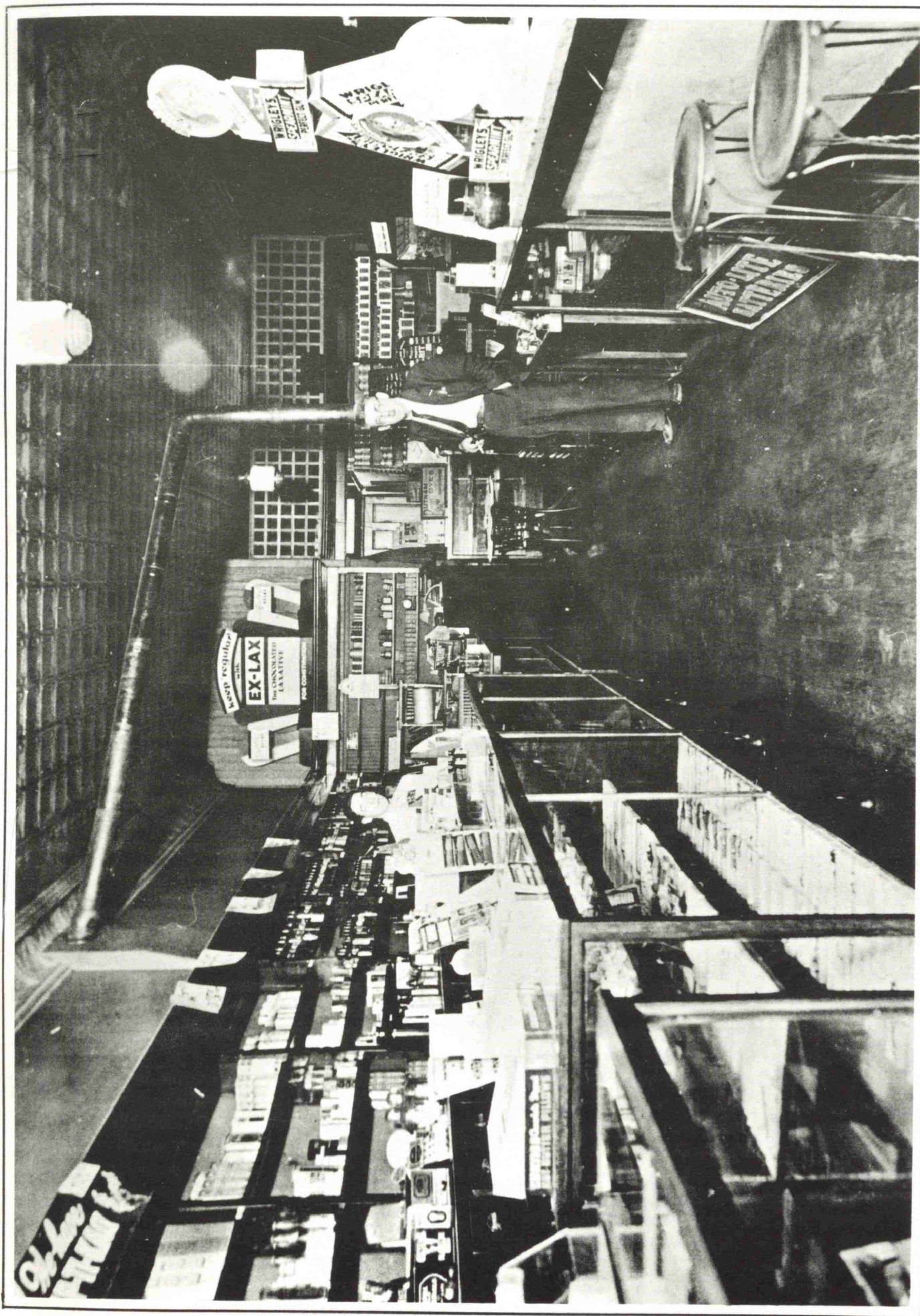
The Opera House--Main Street Auto Sales now located at this spot. Northwest corner of Alyea & Main Street.



Mr. David Wilson and 3 of 20 Clydsdale Horses imported from Scotland.
Picture taken in front of Bryant, Dowd & Co. General Store, now the Amodeo Floral Warehouse, 103 N. Main.



Migrants passing through town, heading east on Rt. 8--early 1900's.



PHARMACY

Shown (in white shirt) Alden (Dinger) Blood, attending the duties of a clerk in the family pharmacy, along with his father (in front of the heating stove, right), Dr. R.P. Blood. The doctor had offices upstairs and also operated the drug store for years, assisted by his son, Alden. Notice the soda bar stools at the front right, a fixture in the drugstore during the late 1920's and early 1930's. The soda fountain was noted for its marvelous ice cream concoctions.



West side of Main Street, as it appeared in the late 1800's. The bank building is at the extreme left (now the empty lot just south of Amodeo's Florist Warehouse). Standing in front are William Fisher, his wife, and daughter, Ida.



Main Street looking North, same location, 1990.

Main St., Looking south, HEBRON, IND.

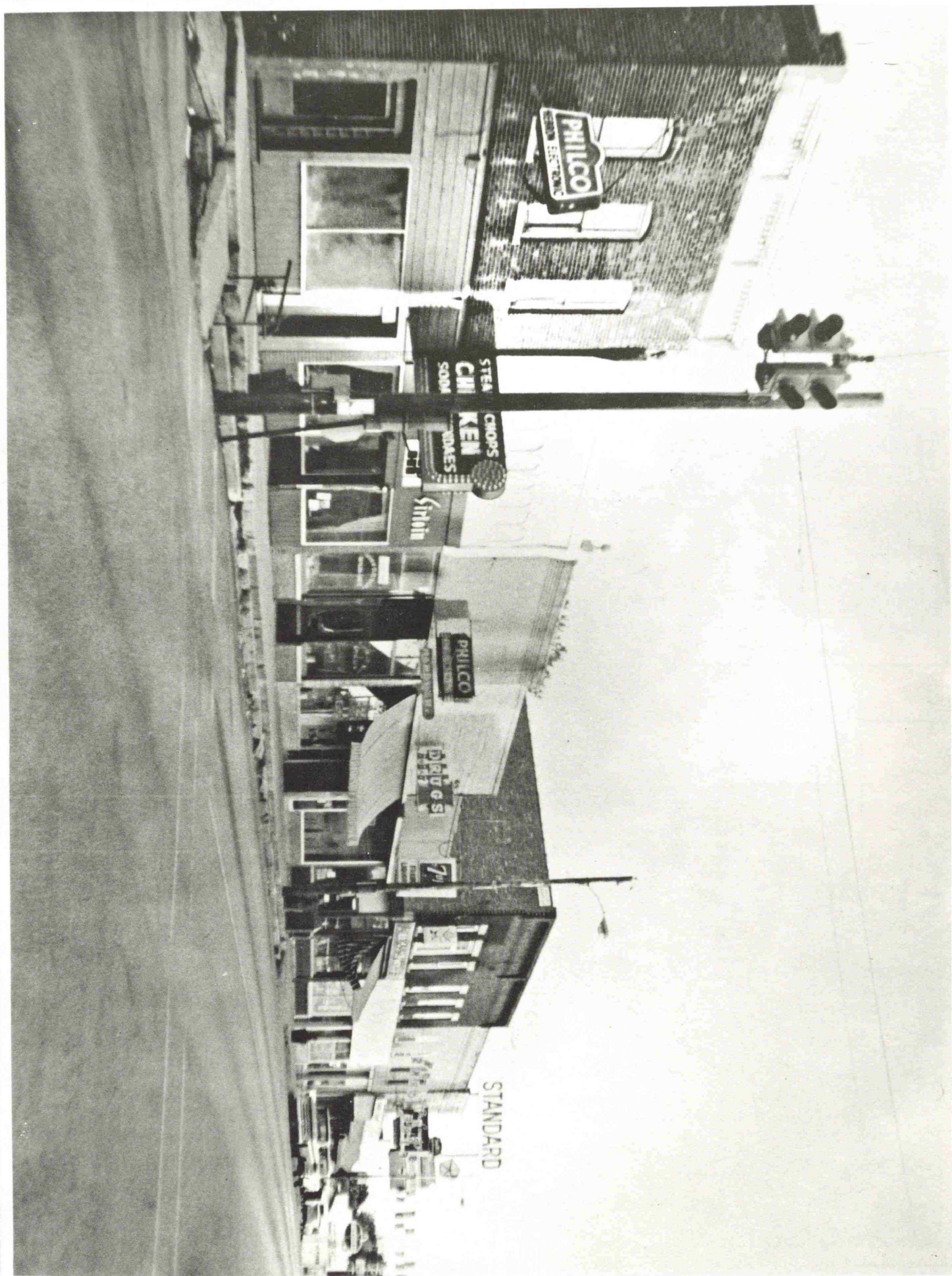


Main Street looking south in the early 1900's.



Main Street looking south in 1990.

Downtown area looking North-believed to be in the early 1960's.





1913-Fire Station and Blacksmith Shop, Show Building, Millinery. Southwest Main Street. Area of 104 South Main was a wood building containing Millinery Shop, and Dinsmore's Garage.



1990-Same location. From left to right: Weimer's Auto Repair, Artisan Center, and Main St. Auto Parts.



Before women received the right to vote, these suffragettes take the opportunity to gain community support. Photo taken at corner of Washington & Church Streets.



The Dr. & Mrs. Ross Wilson home in the late 1800's, 103 E. Sigler.



SENATOR WILLIAM BROWN

William Brown was born March 5, 1863, Eagle Creek Township, Lake County, Indiana, of Scottish ancestry. Moved to Hebron, Porter County. Attended common schools. He was a teacher, traveling salesman; drainage contractor, 1903; farmer, realtor; merchant, co-owner of Brown Brothers grocery and general merchandise store. Was a member of the Hebron Library Board.

Became Senator in 1919 for Porter, Newton, Jasper, Lake, Pulaski counties. Mr. Brown was admittedly an outstanding member of the state legislature.

He was one of the Fathers of the Dunes State Park, a Porter County great dune region in the north of the county which was selected as the location of a state park by the passage of a bill in the Indianan State Legislature in the session of 1923. The bill, a compromise generally satisfactory to the citizens of Lake and Porter Counties, was submitted to the State by Will Brown of Hebron, senator of Lake and Porter Counties.

On August 8, 1938, Senator William Brown was seriously injured in an automobile accident, and died August 18, 1938, in Rensselaer, Indiana.



HEBRON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The big celebration in the community is the 4th of July. For many years minor celebrations had been held, but in 1952 all club banded together to plan for one large event on the national holiday. It was estimated in 1974, 10,000 people came to see the fireworks and the days events.

The agenda started with a parade at 10:00 up Main Street with as many as eighty entrees that are judged and awarded prizes. This was followed by the flag raising ceremony and the turtle derby at the school grounds.

During the afternoon there were rides and games for kids, professional entertainment, helicopter rides, baseball games, a midway with food stands and game booths for all ages.

Money raised from this project has been used to buy more equipment for the enlargement of the celebration, to build a large storage shed, to build the refreshment stand at the ball park, and to buy equipment for the Boone Township Fire Department.

Both men and women serve on the committees for the celebration.



Pines III Apartments on south side of Boardwalk, completed in 1987.



Scene of the Country Square Plaza Shopping Center in 1990- North Main Street.



Outhouse at Depot. Chuck Steinburg and Cyril Fickle.

This picture and cutline taken from the August 11, 1960 issue in the Porter County Herald Newspaper.

The end of an era came to Hebron Monday night when Charles Stineburg, Phil Loomis, and C.H. Fickle removed a remnant of the past. Shown in the picture above, the men eliminated the last public outdoor toilet facilities in Hebron. The building, which was owned by Pennsylvania Railroad, was moved out to a farm and lake site northeast of town.



Children parade south on Main Street, to promote Vacation Bible School, sponsored by Hebron Christian Church, 1952.

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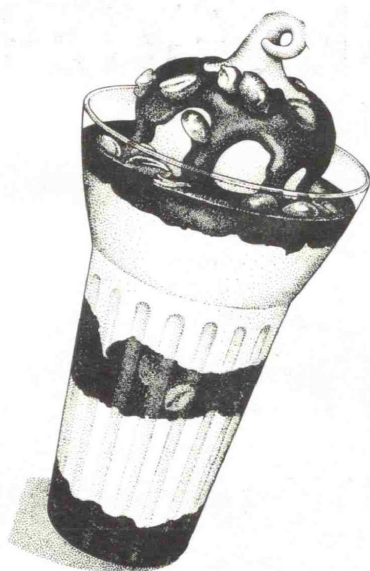
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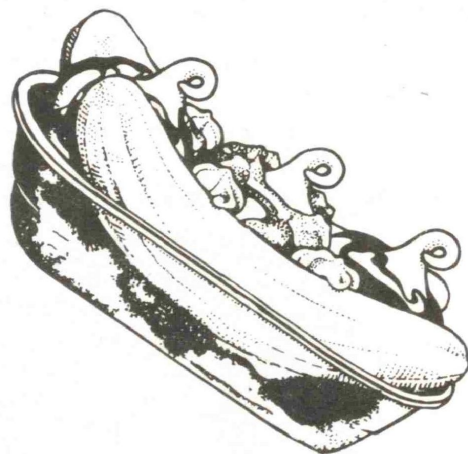
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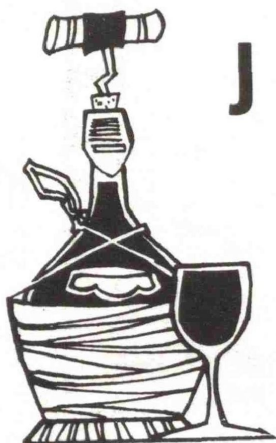
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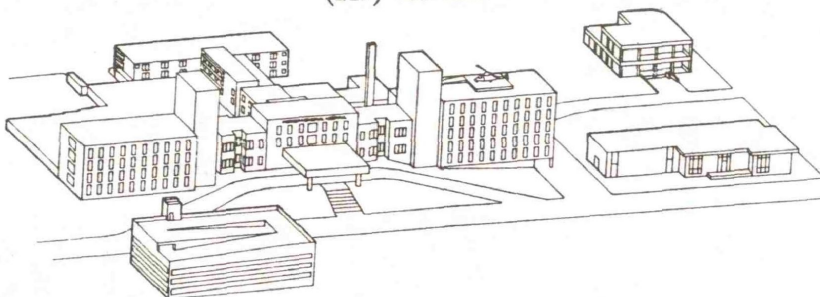
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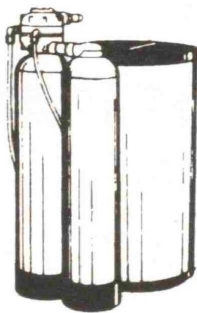
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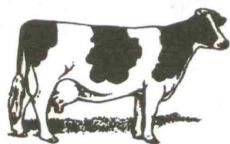
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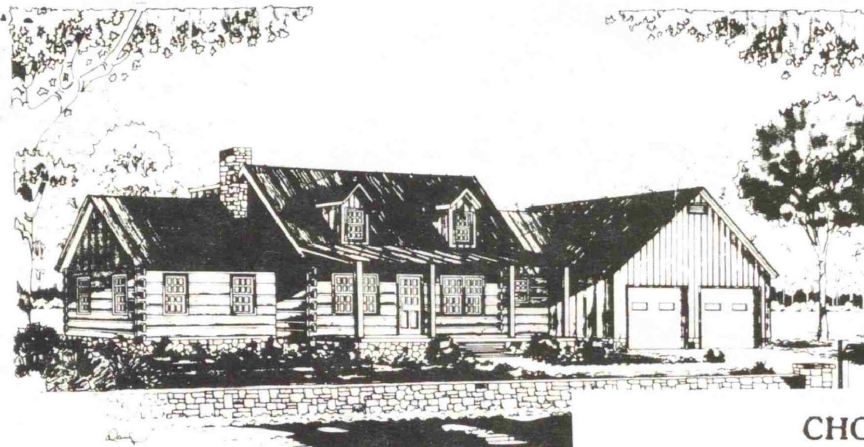
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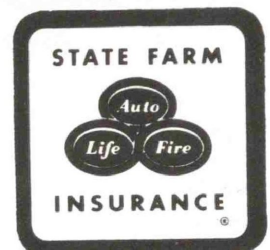
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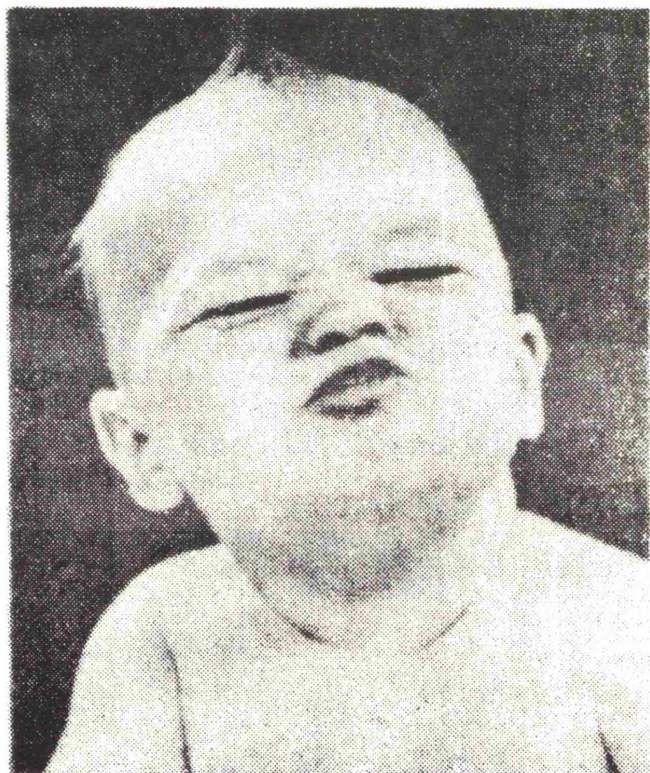
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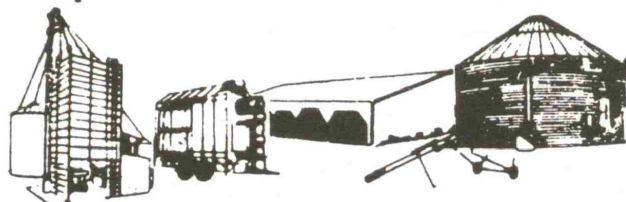
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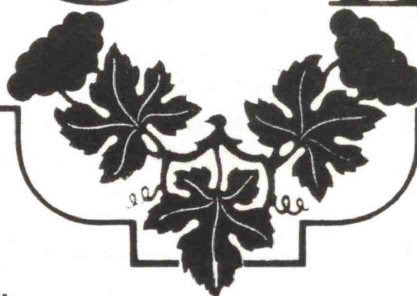
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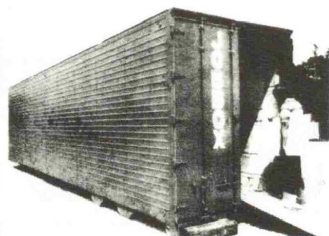
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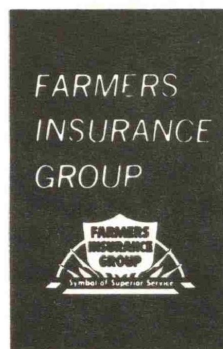
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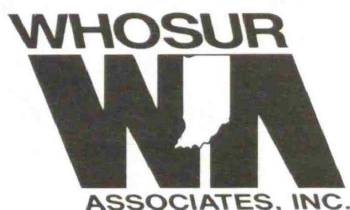
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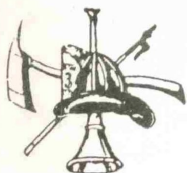
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